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Anno octauo Reginæ Elizabethe.

At the Parliament

*by prorogation holden at Weſtmin-*ſter the laſt day of September, in the eyght yere of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God, of Engla[n]d, Fraunce, and Irelande, Queene, defendour of the faith, &c. and there continued to the end and diſſoluction of the ſame: To the hygh pleaſure of almyghtie God, and the weale publique of this Realme, amongſt other were enacted as folowe-eth.

Anno Chriſti. 1566.

¶ The Table.

1. AN Act declaryng the maner of makyng and conſecratyng of the Archbyſhops and Biſhops of this Realme, to be good, lawfull and perfect.

2 An act wherby the defendaunt may recouer his coſtes, beyng wrongfully vexed.

3. An acte againſt carrying ouer ſea, Rammes, Lambes, and other Sheepe, alyue.

4. An act to take away the benefite of Cleargie from certayne felonious offendours.

5. An act for thabridgement of Appeales in ſutes of Ciuile and Marine cauſes.

6. An act touchyng Clothworkers, and Clothes redye wrought, to be ſhypped ouer the ſea.

7. An act touchyng Drapers, Cottoners, and Fryzers, in the Towne of Shrewſbury.

8. An act for the Repeale of a braunche of a ſtatute, made. 32. H. 8. for the ſtature of Horſes within the Iſle of Ely, and other places contenyng therynto.

9. An act to repeale a braunche of a ſtatute, made in An. 23. H. 8. touchyng the pryces of Barrels, and Hyderkyns.

10. An act for Bolwyers, and the pryces of Bolwes.

11. An act for true makyng of Hattes and Cappes.

12. An act for Thalnegers fees in Lancaſhyre, and for length, breadth, and wayght of Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges.

13. An act concernyng Sea markes, and Maryners.

14. An act touchyng tranſportyng of tawed Leather.

15. An act for preſeruation of Grayne.

16. An act that in diuers Counties, there ſhalbe but one Sheriffe in one Countie.

17. An act for confirmation of a Subſidie graunted by the Cleargie.

18. An act of a Fyfteene and Tenth, and Subſidie, graunted by the Temporaltie.

19. An act of the Queenes Maieſties free and generall pardon.

¶ An Acte declaring the maner of making and consecrating of the Archbishops and Bishops of this Realme, to be good, lawfull, and perfect.

¶ The first Chapter.

Forasmuche as diuers questions by ouer much boldnes of speach and talke, amonges many of the common sort of people, beyng vnlearned, hath lately growen vppon the makyng and consecratyng of Archbyshops and Byshops within this Realme, whether the same were and be duely and orderly done, according to the lawe or not, whiche is much tendyng to the slaunder of all the state of Cleargie, beyng one of the greatest states of this Realme. Therfore, for the auoydyng of such slaunderous speache, and to the intent that euery man that is willyng to knowe the trueth, may playnely vnderstande that the same euyll speache and talke is not grounded vpon any iust matter or cause: It is thought conuenient hereby, partly to touche suche auctorities, as doth allowe and approue the making and consecrating of the same Archbyshops and Bishops to be duely and orderly done, accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, and therupon further to prouide for the more suretie therof, as hereafter shalbe expressed.

First, it is very well knowen to all degrees of this Realme, that the late Kyng of moste famous memorie, Kyng Henry the eyght, aswell by all the Cleargie then of this Realme, in their seuerall conuocations, as also by all the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons assembled in diuers of his Parliaments, was fully and ryghtfully recognized and knowledged to haue the supreme power, iurisdiction, order, rule, and auctorite, ouer all the state Ecclesiasticall of the same, and the same power, iurisdiction, and auctorite did vse accordingly: And that also the said late kyng, in the .xxv. yere of his raigne, dyd by auctorite of Parliament, amonges other thynges, set foorth a certayne order of the maner and fourme howe Archbishops and Bishops within this Realme,

and other his dominions, shoulde be elected and made, as by the same more playnely appeareth. And that also the late kyng of worthy memorie, kyng Edwarde the first, did lawfully succeade the said late king Henry his father in the imperial crowne of this Realme, and dyd fully possesse and enioye all the same power, iurisdiction, and auctoritie before mentioned, as a thing to him discended with the same imperiall Crowne, and so vsed the same, duryng his lyfe: And that also the sayde late kyng Edwarde the first, in his tyme, by auctoritie of Parliament, caused a godly and vertuous booke, entituled: The booke of Common prayer, and administration of Sacramentes, and other rites and ceremonies in the Churche of Englande, to be made and set foorth, not only for one vniforme order of seruice, common prayer, and the administration of Sacramentes, to be vsed within all this Realme, and other his dominions: but also, dyd adde and put to the same booke, a very good and godly order, of the maner and fourme how Archbyshops, Bishops, Priestes, Deacons, and Ministers, should from time to time, be consecrated, made, and ordered, within this Realme, and other his dominions, as by the same more plainely will and may appeare. And although in the tyme of the late Queene Mary, al well the sayd Acte and statute made in the .vi. yere of the raigne of the said late king Henry the eight, as also the seuerall Actes and statutes made in the second, thyrde, fourth, fifth, and sixth yeres of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Edwarde, for the auctorising and allowyng of the sayde booke of Common prayer, and other the premisses, amonges diuers other Actes and statutes, touchyng the sayde supreme auctoritie, were repelled: Yet neuertheles, at the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the first yere of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, by one other Acte and statute there made, all suche iurisdictions, priuileges, superiorities, and preheminences, spirituall and ecclesiasticall, as by any spirituall or ecclesiasticall power or auctoritie, hath heretofore ben, or may lawfully be vsed ouer the ecclesiasticall estate of this Realme, and the order, reformation, and correction of the same, is fully and absolutely, by the auctoritie of the same Parliament, vnited and annexed to the imperiall Crowne of this Realme. And by the same Acte and statute, there is also geuen to the Queenes highnesse, her heyres & successours, kinges, or Queenes of this Realme, full power and auctoritie by letters patentes, vnder the great Seale of Englande, from tyme to time, to assigne, name, and auctorise such person or persons, as she or they shal thinke meete and conuenient, to exercise, vse, occupie, and execute vnder her highnesse, all maner of iurisdictions, priuileges, preheminences, and auctorities, in any wyse touchyng or concernyng any spirituall or ecclesiasticall

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powꝛer oꝛ iuriſdiction within this Realme, oꝛ any other her highneſſe dominions oꝛ Countreys. And alſo by the ſame Acte and ſtatute, the ſayde Acte made in the. xrb. yere of the raigne of the ſayde late kyng Henry the eight, foꝛ the oꝛder and fourme of the electing and making of the ſayde Archbyſhops and Byſhops, together with diuers other ſtatutes, touching the iuriſdiction ouer the ſtate eccleſiaſticall, is reuiued, and made in full foꝛce and effect, as by the ſame Acte and ſtatute, moꝛe playnely appeareth. And that alſo by another Acte and ſtatute made in the ſayde Parliament, in the firſt yere of the raigne of our ſayde Soueraigne Lady, entituled: An Acte foꝛ the vniformitie of Common pꝛayer, and ſeruice in the Churche, and adminiſtration of Sacramentes, the ſayde booke of Common pꝛayer, and the adminiſtration of Sacramentes, and other the ſayde oꝛders, rites, and ceremonies befoꝛe mentioned, and all thynges therein contayned, with certayne additions therein newly added and appoynted by the ſayde ſtatute, is fully ſtablyſhed and aucthoꝛiſed, to be vſed in all places within this Realme, and all other the Queenes Maieſties dominions and Countreys, as by the ſame Acte, amonges other thinges, moꝛe plainely appeareth, wherevpon, our ſaide Soueraigne Lady the Queenes moſte excellent Maieſtie, beyng moſt iuſtly and lawfully inueſted in the imperiall Crowne of this Realme, with all aucthoꝛities, pꝛehemineneces and dignities therevnto appertaynyng: And thereby hauyng in her Maieſties oꝛder and diſpoſition, all the ſayde iuriſdictions, powꝛer, and aucthoꝛities, ouer the ſtate eccleſiaſticall and tempoꝛall, aſwell in cauſes eccleſiaſticall, as tempoꝛal, within this Realme, and other her Maieſties dominions and Countreys, hath by her ſupꝛeme aucthoꝛitie, at dyuers tymes, ſythens the begynnyng of her Maieſties raigne, cauſed diuers and ſundꝛy graue and well learned men, to be duely elected, made, and conſecrated Archbyſhops and Byſhops, of diuers Archbiſhopꝛikes and Byſhopꝛikes within this Realme, and other her Maieſties dominions and Countreys, accoꝛdyng to ſuche oꝛder and fourme, and with ſuche ceremonies, in and about theyꝛ conſecrations, as were alowed and ſet fooꝛth by the ſayde Actes, ſtatutes, and oꝛders annexed to the ſayd booke of Common pꝛayer befoꝛe mentioned. And further, foꝛ the auoydyng of all ambiguities and queſtions, that myght be obiected againſt the lawfull confirmations, inueſting, and conſecrations of the ſayde Archbyſhops and Byſhops, her highneſſe in her letters patentes, vnder the great Seale of Englande, directed to any Archbiſhop, Biſhop, oꝛ others, foꝛ the confirming, inueſting, and conſecrating of any perſon, elected to the office oꝛ dignitie of any Archbyſhop oꝛ Byſhop, hath not onlye vſed ſuche woꝛdes and ſententes as were accuſtomed to be vſed by the ſayde late kyng

Henry, and kyng Edwarde, her Maiesties father and brother, in their like letters patentes, made for suche causes: but also hath vsed and put in her Maiesties sayde letters patentes, diuers other generall wordes and sentences, whereby her highnesse by her supreme power and authoritie, hath dispenced with all causes, or doubtes, of any imperfection or disabilitie, that can or may in any wyse be obiected against the same, as by her Maiesties sayd letters patentes, remaynyng of recorde, more playnely wyll appeare. So that to all those that wyll well consider of the effect and true entent of the sayde lawes and statutes, and of the supreme & absolute authoritie of the Queenes highnes, and whiche she by her Maiesties sayde letters patentes, hath vsed and put in vre, in and about the makyng and consecratyng of the sayde Archbyshops and Byshops: it is and may be very euident and apparaunt, that no cause of scruple, ambiguitie, or doubt, can or maye iustly be obiected agaynst the sayde elections, confirmations, or consecrations, or any other materiall thing, meete to be vsed or had in or about the same: but that euery thing requisite and materiall for that purpose, hath ben made and done, as precisely, and with as great a care and diligence, or rather more, as euer the lyke was done before her Maiesties tyme, as by the recordes of her Maiesties sayde father and brothers tyme, and also of her owne tyme, wyll more playnely testifie and declare.

Wherefore, for the playne declaration of all the premisses, and to the entent that the same may the better be knowen to euery of the Queenes Maiesties subiectes, whereby such euyll speache, as heretofore hath ben vsed agaynst the sayde high state of prelacie, may hereafter ceasse: Be it now declared and enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayd Acte and statute, made in the first yere of the raigne of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, wherby the said booke of Common prayer, and the administration of sacramentes, with other rites & ceremonies, is authorised and alowed to be vsed, shal stande and remayne good and perfect to all respectes and purposes: And that such order and fourme for the consecratyng of Archbyshops and Byshops, and for the making of Priestes, Deacons, and Ministers, as was set foorth in the tyme of the sayde late kyng Edwarde the first, and added to the said booke of Common prayer, and authorised by Parliament, in the fifth and sixth yere of the sayde late kyng, shall stande, and be in full force and effect, and shall from henceforth be vsed and obserued in all places within this Realme, and other the Queenes Maiesties dominions and Countreys. And that all Actes and thynges heretofore had, made, or done by any person or persons, in or about any consecration, confirmation, or inuesting of any per-

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ſon or perſons, elected to the office or dignitie of any Archbyſhop or Byſhop within this Realme, or within any other the Queenes Maieſties dominions or countreys, by vertue of the Queenes Maieſties letters patentes or Commiſſion, ſythens the begynnyng of her Maieſties raigne, be and ſhalbe by aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, declared, iudged, and deemed, at and from euery of the ſeuerall tymes of the doyng therof, good and perfect to all reſpectes and purpoſes: Any matter or thyng that can or may be obiected to the contrary therof, in any wiſe notwithſtandyng. And that all perſons that haue ben or ſhalbe made, ordered, or conſecrate Archbyſhops, Byſhops, Prieſtes, Miniſters of Gods holy worde and Sacramentes, or Deacons, after the fourme and order preſcribed in the ſayde order and fourme howe Archbyſhops, Byſhoppes, Prieſtes, Deacons, and Miniſters, ſhoulde be conſecrated, made, and ordered, be in very deede, and alſo by aucthoritie hereof, declared and enacted, to be, and ſhalbe Archbyſhops, Byſhops, Prieſtes, Miniſters, and Deacons, and ryghtly made, ordered, and conſecrated: Any ſtatute, lawe, cannon, or other thing to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and neuertheleſſe be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaid, that no perſon or perſons ſhall at any tyme hereafter, be impeched or moleſted, in body, landes, liuinges, or goodes, by occaſion or meane of any certificat by any Archbyſhop or Byſhop heretofore made, or before the laſt day of this preſent ſeſſion of Parliament to be made, by vertue of any Acte, made in the firſt ſeſſion of this preſent Parliament, touchyng or concerning the refuſall of the othe, declared and ſet fooreth by Acte of Parliament, in the firſt yere of the raigne of our ſayde Soueraigne Lady, Queene Elizabeth: Any thyng in this Acte, or any other Acte or ſtatute heretofore made to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

And that all tenders of the ſayde othe, made by any Archbyſhop or Byſhop aforeſayde, or before the laſt day of this preſent ſeſſion, to be made by aucthoritie of any Acte, eſtabliſhed in the firſt ſeſſion of this preſent Parliament, and all refuſalles of the ſame othe ſo tendred, or before the laſt day of this preſent ſeſſion, to be tendred by any Archbyſhop or Byſhop, by aucthoritie of any Acte, eſtabliſhed in the firſt ſeſſion of this preſent Parliament: ſhalbe boyde, and of none effect or validitie in the lawe.

An Acte whereby the defendaunt may recouer his coſtes, beyng wrongfully vexed.

¶ The. ij. Chapter.

WHere diuers perſons of their malicious myndes, and without any iuſt cauſe, do many times cauſe and procure others of the Queenes Maieſties louing ſubiectes, to be verye muche moleſted and troubled, by attachementes and arreſtes, made of theyr bodyes, aſwell by proceſſe of Latitat, Alias and Plures capias, ſued out of the court cõmonly called the kinges benche, as alſo by playnte, bill, or other ſuite, in the court commonly called the Marſhalſey, and within the Citie of London, and other Cities, Townes corporate, and places where any libertie or priuilege is to holde pleas of debt, treſpaſſe, and other perſonall actions and ſuites: And when the parties that be arreſted or attached, are brought foorth to aunſwere to ſuche actions and ſuites, as ſhoulde be obiected againſt them, then many tymes there is no declaration or matter layde againſt the parties ſo arreſted or attached, wherevnto they may make any aunſwere: And ſo the partie arreſted, is very maliciouſly put to great charges & expences, without any iuſt or reaſonable cauſe. And yet neuertheleſſe, hitherto, by order of the lawe, the partie ſo greeued and vexed, could neuer haue any coſtes or damages, to hym to be iudged or awarded for the ſayd vniuſt vexation and trouble.

For remedie wherof, be it enacted and ordayned by the auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, that when, and as often as any perſon or perſons, after the firſt day of Januarye next comming, ſhal ſue foorth, or by any meane, cauſe or procure to be ſued foorth of the ſaid court, commonly called the kinges benche, any of the writs or proceſſe before mentioned, againſt any perſon or perſons, which vpon the ſame writ or writs, ſhal happen to be arreſted, or which ſhal appeare vpon the returne of any the ſayd writs or proceſſe, & ſhall put in his or their baile or bailes, to anſwere ſuch ſuite, as ſhalbe obiected againſt him, according to the common order of ỹ court: that then in euery ſuch caſe, if the partie or parties, at whoſe ſuite, meanes, or pro-

procurement the same writ, writtes, or procesſe was obtayned or sued forth, do not within three dayes nert after suche bayle had and taken, put into the same court his or their declaration against the same partie or parties, agaynſt whom suche writtes or procesſe hath ben or shalbe sued, or if after declaration had and put into the same court, the plaintiffe in suche case shall not prosecute the same with effect, but shall willingly and apparauntly to the same court, suffer his or theyr sayd suite to be delayed, or shall after declaration so had, suffer the same suite to be discontinued, or other wyse, shalbe nonsuite in the same: That then in every such case, the Judges of the sayde court for the tyme beyng, shall by their discretions, from tyme to tyme, as they shall see or perceaue any such default to be in the partie or parties, at whose suite, meanes, or procurement, such writtes or procesſe was sued forth, award and iudge to every such person and persons, so arrested, hyred, molested, or troubled by such writtes, or suite, his and their costes, damages, and charges, by any meanes sustayned by occasion of any such writtes, procesſe, arrestes, or suites, taken, sued, or had against him, to be payde by such person or persons, that so doth, or shall cause or procure any suche writtes or procesſe to be sued forth, as is aforesayde.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, shall after the sayde fyrst day of Januarie, cause or procure any other person or persons, to be attached or arrested to aunswere to any bill, plaint, action, or suite, in the sayde court of the Marshalsey, or in any court within the sayde Citie of London, or in any Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, or other place or places, where any libertie or priuiledge is vsed to holde plea, in any action or actions personall, and do not in all courtes, hauyng their continuaunce, De die in diem, within three dayes nert after suche tyme as the partie defendaunt or defendauntes shalbe bayled, or otherwyse appeare in court, by force of any arrest or attachement had and returned, and in all other courtes at the nert session or court to be holden, after suche arrestes or attachementes, and appearaunce of the partie defendaunt or defendauntes, where as the sayde partie defendaunt or defendauntes, shalbe compelled, or ought to appeare, vnlesse a further day shalbe especially geuen, by the discretion of the court, from whence any precept, procesſe, or attachement, shalbe awarded, put and exhibite his bill, or declaration, agaynſt suche person or persons, as so by his suite and meanes, shalbe attached or arrested into suche court, where the partie by suche attachement or arrest, is compelled, or ought to appeare, or yf any suche person or persons, at whose suite or meanes any suche attachement or arrest of any person or persons, shalbe so had and made, after his declaration,

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bill, or playnte exhibited, do not from thencefoorth prosecute the same his suite with effect, or shal suffer the same to be discontinued, or shal after be nonsuite in the same, or willingly and apparauntly to the same court, shal for veration of the defendaunt in such suite, delay the same suite: That then in every suche case, the Judge or Judges of every suche court, before whom any person or persons shall so be sued, molested, or troubled, by occation or meane of any such attachement or arrest, or by suche suite or suites, shall foorthwith by his or their discretion, from time to time, as he or they shal see or perceaue any such default or delay, in the partie that caused or procured any suche attachement or arrest to be had, awarde and iudge to every suche person or persons, whiche after the sayde first day of January, shall so be attached, arrested, molested, vexed, or troubled, his costes, damages, and charges, by any meanes sustayned by occasion of any such attachement, arrest, or suite so had and taken agaynst hym, to be payde by suche person or persons, that so doth, or shall cause or procure any such attachment or arrest to be so had or made.

And yf any person or persons, at any tyme after the sayde first day of January, shall by any way or meane, maliciously, or for veration and trouble, cause or procure any other person or persons, to be arrested or attached, to aunswere in any the courtes or places aforesayde, at the suite, or in the name of any person or persons, where in deede there is no such person or persons knowen, or without the assent, consent, or agreement of suche person or persons, at whose suite, or in whose name sliche arrest or attachement is or shalbe so had and procured: that then every suche person and persons, that so shall cause or procure any suche arrest or attachement of any other person or persons, to be had or made for veration or trouble, as is aforesayde, and shall thereof be convicted or lawfully accused, by indictement, presentment, or by the testimonie of two sufficient witnesses, or mo, or other due proffe, shall for every such offence by hym or them committed, done, or procured, haue and suffer imprysonment of his or theyr body or bodyes, by the space of sixe monethes, without bayle or mayncprise: And before he or they shalbe deliuered out of prison, shall pay vnto the partie or parties so arrested or attached by his or their meanes or procurement, treble the costes, charges, damages, and expences, that he or they shalbe put vnto, by reason or occasion of suche arrest or attachement so had, and shall also forfayte and pay vnto suche person or persons, in whose name, or at whose suite he or they shall so procure suche arrest or attachement to be had or made, yf then there shalbe any suche person knowen, the summe of ten poundes for euery suche offence.

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And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that euery person and persons to whom any costes, charges, damages, forfayture, or payment of any summe or summes of money, by aucthoritie of this Acte shalbe awarded, iudged, or forfayted: shall and may at all tymes hereafter, haue his or theyr remedy for the recouerie therof, by action of debt, byll or playnt, in any court of Recorde, agaynst such person or persons, their heyres, executours, or administratours, as shoulde or ought to pay the same by vertue or force of this Act, in which action, byll, or playnt, no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe admitted or alowed to any the defendaunt, or defendauntes in the same.

An Acte agaynst carrying ouer Sea, Rammes, *Lambes, and other Sheepe, alyue.*

¶ The. iij. Chapter.

For sundry good causes and considerations moued in this hygh court of Parliament, be it enacted by the aucthoritie of the same, that no maner of person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condition soeuer he or they be, shall after the last day of February, next ensuing, bring, deliuer, sende, receaue, or take, or procure to be brought, delyuered, sent, or receaued, into any Shippe or Bothome, any Rammes, Sheepe, or Lambes, or any maner of other kynde of Sheepe, beyng alyue, to be caryed and conueyed out of this Realme of Englande, Wales, or Irelande, or out of any of the Queenes highnes dominions, vpon the payne that euery such person and persons, their ayders, abbettours, procurers, and comforters, shall for his or their first offence or offences, so done contrary to the true meanyng of this estatute, forfayte and lose all his goodes for euer: whereof, the one moitie shalbe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, the other moitie to him or them that will sue for the same in any court of Recorde, wherein no essoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe for the defendaunt shall be admitted or allowed. And further, euery suche offender or offenders shall suffer imprisonment by the space of one whole yere, without bayle and maynpryse: and at the

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yeres ende, shall in some open market Towne, in the fulnesse of the market, on the market day, haue his left hande cut of, and that to be nayled vp, in the openest place of suche market. And that euery person or persons offtimes offendyng agaynst this statute, shalbe adiudged a felon, and shall suffer death, as in cases of felonie.

Prouided alwayes, that this Act shal not extende to any corruption of blood, or be preiudicial or hurtful to any woman, claymyng dowre by or from any such offender or offenders: Any thing in this Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the Justices of Oyer and terminer, Justices of Gaile deliuerie, & Justices of peace, in euery Countie and Shire within this Realme of Englande and Wales, and other the Queenes Maieties dominions, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this Act, to enquire of euery offender and offenders contrary to the fourme and effect of this Act, and to heare and determine euery offence and offences, committed, perpetrated, and done contrary to the fourme and effect of the same, accordyng to the course of the lawes of this Realme.

An Acte to take away the benefite of *Cleargie from certaine felo-* nious offenders.

The. iiij. Chapter.

WHere a certayne kynde of euill disposed persons, commonly called Cutpurses, or pyckpurses, but in deede by the lawes of this lande very felons and theeues, do conferer togethers, makyng among them selues, as it were a brotherhod or fraternitie of an art or misterie, to lyue deliye by the secrete spoyle of the good and true subietes of this Realme. And alwell at Sermons and preachynges of the worde of God, and in places and time of doyng seruice and common prayer in Churches, Chappelles, Closettes, and Oratories: And not only there, but also in the Princes palace, house, yea and presence, and at the places and

and courtes of iuſtice, & at the tymes of miniſtration of the lawes in the ſame, and in Fayres, Markets, & other aſſemblies of people: Yea, and at the tyme of doyng of execution of ſuch as ben attaynted of any murder, felonye, or other criminall cauſe, ordeined chiefly for terrour & example of euil doers, do without reſpect or regard of any time, place, or perſon, or of any feare or dreade of God, or any law or punyſhment, vnder the cloke of honeſtie, by their outward apparel, countenaunce, and behauiour, ſubtiltie, priuilie, craftilie, and feloniouſly, take the goodes of diuers good & honeſt ſubiectes, from their perſons, by cutting & picking their purſes, & other felonious ſlaights and deuices, to the vtter vndoyng and impoueriſhment of many.

Be it therefore enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, that no perſon or perſons, whiche hereafter ſhall happen to be indited or appealed for felonious taking of any money, goodes, or cattels, from the perſon of any other, priuyly without his knowe ledge, in any place whatſoeuer, and therupon founde gyltie by verdite of twelue men, or ſhall confeſſe the ſame, vpon his or their arraignement, or wil not anſwere directly to the ſame, according to the lawes of this Realme, or ſhal ſtande wilfully, or of malice, or obſtinately mute, or challenge peremptorie aboue the number of twentie, or ſhalbe vpon ſuch inditement or appeale outlawed, ſhall from henceforth be admitted to haue the benefite of his or their cleargie, but vtterly be excluded therof, and ſhall ſuffer death, in ſuche maner and fourme, as they ſhoulde yf they were no Clarkes.

And where alſo as diuers perſons done oft tymes commit and do diuers and ſundry deteſtable murders, heynous robberies and felonies, and other capitall offences, for the which cleargie is not allowable by the lawes and ſtatutes of this Realme, and after the ſame offeces ſo done, either flee out of the Countie or other partes of this Realme, into the partes beyond the ſeas, or kepe themſelues ſecrete in other places, where they are not knowen for a great tyme, and after happen to commit ſome other felonie, for the which they may haue their Cleargie, and beyng arraigned for the ſame, haue their Cleargie to them allowed, and therupon committed to the cuſtody of the ordinarie, according to the lawe and cuſtome of this Realme, the former offence wherein Cleargie is not graunteable, beyng not thē knowen, & ſo by that meanes can not after be impeached for the ſayde other horrible and great offences, by the lawe & cuſtome of this Realme, to the great encouraging of offendours, vſyng ſuch practiſes of ſome knowledge & ſet purpoſe, for their auauntage of the ſame.

For reformation wherof, be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaid, that euery perſon and perſons, which ſhal hereafter vpon his and their arraignement for any felonie, be admitted to the benefite of his Cleargie, by the lawes of this Realme, and deliuered to

the ordinarie for the same, and shall make his due purgation for the same offence or offences, wherevpon he was so admitted to his Cleargie, and shall before the same admission to his Cleargie haue committed any other such offence wherevpon Cleargie by the lawes or statutes of this Realme is not allowable, and not being thereof before indited, and acquited, conuicted, or attainted, or pardoned, shall and may be indited or appealed for the same, and therevpon put to aunswere, and ordered, and vsed in all thinges according to the lawes and statutes of this Realme, in such and lyke maner and fourme as though no such admission of Cleargie had ben: Any lawe, custome, or vsage to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An Acte for thabridgment of appeales in *suites of Ciuile and Marine causes.*

¶ The .v. Chapter.

FOr the auoyding aswel of long and tedious suites, as also of great charges & expences in prosecutyng of Ciuile and Marine causes, by reason of dyuers appeales permitted to be made by order of the lawes ciuill in suche causes, and to thintent that aswell strangers, as also others the subiects of this Realme, that shall haue cause of suite in those matters, may haue such expedition in the same, as their natures and qualities do require: Be it enacted by the Queenes Maiestie our Soueraigne Lady, the Lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the aucthoritie of the same, that from the last day of this present session of Parliament, all and euery such iudgement and sentence diffinitiue, as shalbe geuen or pronounced in any ciuile and marine cause, vpon appeale lawfully to be made therin, to the Queenes Maiestie in her highnes Court of Chauncery, by such Commissioners or delegates, as shalbe nominated and appointed by her Maiestie, her heyres or successours, by commission vnder the halfe seale, as it hath ben heretofore vsed, in such cases, shalbe finall, and no further appeale to be had or made from the sayd iudgement or sentence diffinitiue, or from the sayde Commissioners or delegates, for or in the same: Any law, vsage, or custome, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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An Acte touchyng Clothworkers, and *Clothes redy wrought, to be* shypped ouer the Sea.

The .vj. Chaper.

For the better employment and reliefe of greate multitudes of the Queenes Maiesties subiectes, vsing the arte and labour of clothe-working, it may please the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, at the most humble suite of her sayde subiectes, that it be enacted.

And be it enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that from hencefoorth for euerye nyne Clothes vnwrought, hereafter to be shypped or caried into any the partes beyonde the Seas, contrary to the fourme of any Statute heretofore made, and nowe remaynyng in strength, by force of any licence hereafter to be graunted, the partie that shall shyppe or carry ouer the same, shall shyppe and carry ouer also one lyke woollen Cloth, of lyke sorte, length, breadth, and goodnes, redy wrought and dressed, that is to say, rowed, barbed, fyrst coursed and shorne from the one ende to the other, so that euery tenth Cloth passyng ouer the Seas, in fourme aforesayde, may and shall be dressed within this Realme, before the same shalbe shypped or transported ouer, vpon payne to forfayte for euery such nyne Clothes so to be shypped or transported, contrary to the meanyng of this Acte, tenne poundes.

Prouided alway, that euery such tenth Clothe, so to be transported redy wrought, shall not be accompted any of the Clothes, permitted to be transported by force of such licence, but that suche person as shall haue such licence, may transport, accordyng to such licence, the full number of Clothes vnwrought, mentioned in the same licence, ouer and aboue the number of such tenth Clothes, whiche they shalbe compelled to shyppe and carry ouer by force of this statute.

And be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that from the last day of Febuary nowe next commyng, no person shall shyppe or carry into the partes beyond the seas, contrary to the fourme of any statute heretofore made, nowe remaynyng in force, any Cloth,

commonly called Kentyshe Cloth, or Suffolke Cloth, made or to be made in the counties of Kent or Suffolk, vnwrought and vndressed within this Realme, that is to say, not towed, barbed, first coursed, and shorne, vpon payne to forfayte for euery such Clothe, commonly called Kentyshe or Suffolke Cloth, made, or to be made in either of the sayd counties, so to be shypped or transported, contrary to the fourme of this statute, fourtie shyllynges.

And that no licence for transportyng of any cloth or clothes, shalbe construed or expounded, to extende to any such Kentyshe or Suffolke cloth, made, or to be made, in eyther of the sayde counties, to be from henceforth transported. And that all the forfaytures appoynted by this statute, for transportyng of Clothes, shalbe, the one halfe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, the other moitie, to the Maister and Wardens of the sayd company of Clothworkers, to the reliefe of the poore of the sayde company, to be recouered in any court of Recorde, by action of debt, bill, playnt, or information, wherein no essoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe, for the defendaunt shalbe admitted or allowed.

¶ An Act touchyng Drapers, Cottoners, and Fryzers, in the Towne of Shrewsbury.

❧ The .vij. Chaper.

Forasmuch as in the Towne of Shrewsbury in the Countie of Salop, there hath ben, tyme out of minde of man, and yet is, a company, fraternitie, or guylde, of the arte and misterie of Drapers, which said companie, fraternitie, or guylde, hath ben by a great tyme lawfully encorporated, and made a bodye politicke: which sayd corporation and fraternitie, hath by reason of a certain trade and occupation of bying and sellyng of welshe Clothe and Lynyng, commonly called Cottons, Fryzes, and Playnes, whiche they haue had and vsed amongest them, ben able not onely to lyue thereby, but also haue at theyr common costes, prouyded houses and other neces-

necessaries for poore people within the sayd Towne of Shrewsburye, whom also with further relefe they do weekelye helpe and maintayne: And by the same their trade aforesayde, haue vsed most commonlye to set on worke, aboue fiue hundreth persons, of the arte or science of Shermen or Fryzers, within the sayd Towne of Shrewsbury, whereby aswell they, as their poore wyues and families, are wholly mayntayned and kept. To the impeachement and hinderaunce of whiche sayde trade, diuers artificers and other persons within the sayde Towne of Shrewsburye, not beyng of the sayde companie or misterie, nor brought vp in the vse of the sayde trade, haue of late with great disorder, vpon a meere couetous desire and mynde, intromitted with, and occupyed the sayde trade of bying of welshe cloth or lynyng, hauyng no knowledge, experience, or skyll, in the same. By reason whereof, the saide ignoraunt and vnskylfull persons, haue and do bye commonly and dayly such welshe clothe and lynyng, as is defectiue, and not truely made, accordyng to the good lawes and statutes of this Realme in that behalfe prouided. By meanes whereof, the sayde trade is greatly decayed and discredited, to the great losse and hinderaunce of suche poore Shermen and Fryzers, as were wont to be set on worke thereby, and of all others that were wont to be mayntayned, and relieued by the sayde trade, aswell in makyng, as worckyng of the sayde Fryzes, Cottons, and Playnes, and to the great deceipt, damage, and hinderaunce of all the Queenes Maiesties subiectes, that bye and prouyde the same, and to the slaunder and discredite of the saide commodities in forren partes, where, by the occasion aforesayde, they are growen out of estimation and credite. And where moreouer in the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the fourth and fyfth yeres of the raigne of our late Soueraigne Lorde and Lady kyng Philip and Queene Marie, vppon good and deliberate aduise, amongst other thinges, it was enacted, that no person nor persons, which should bye to sell agayne, by waye of retayle or otherwyse, any of the sayde welshe lynyngs, shoulde dresse or worke, or cause to be dressed and wrought, within his or their dwellyng house or houses, or in any other place, by hymselfe, or his seruaunt, any of the sayd welshe lynynges: but shoulde put the same to some such person or persons, as shoulde be of the art or science of Shermen, Cottoners, or Fryzers, to be by them wrought and dressed, vpon payne of forfayture for euery welshe Cloth or Lynyng, fryzed or cottoned to the contrarie, fiue shillinges and eyght pence, as in the same Act doth appeare. Sithens which tyme, diuers persons, for the defraudyng of the said statute, haue caused others to bye the sayde Fryzes, Cottons, and Playnes, and then to take the worckmanshyppe thereof vnto themselues, of such byers: vsyng the lyke fraude, by bying, and turnyng

worke ouer vnto the same persons, of whom they receaue worke, to the manifest defraudyng of the good entent and meanyng of the sayde statute.

For remedy wherof, & for the benefite and releefe of the poore men, that be Shermen and Fryzers: Be it enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that from and after the feast of Easter next ensuing, no maner person or persons, whatsoeuer, inhabiting & dwelling within the sayde Towne of Shrewsburye, or the liberties and franchises of the same Towne, other then such as haue, or shal haue serued as apprentices in the sayde occupation & science of Drapers, or be, or shalbe free of the sayde science or misterie, shall occupye, vse, exercise, or frequent the sayd trade, arte, misterie or science of bying of the sayd welshe Cloth or Lining, Cottons, Fryzes, and Playnes, nor haue any factour or doer for hym or them in the same, nor by any colour engin, or fraude, be any occuppyer of the sayde Fryzes, Cottons, and Playnes, vpon payne that euery person & persons inhabiting as is aforesaide, and occuppying, vsyng, or exercysyng the saide trade, occupation, or science of bying of welshe Cloth & Lining, and not auctorised by this present Act, shall lose and forfayte for euery peece of the same Clothes so bought. vi.s. viii. d.

And ouer that, be it further enacted, that no person, dwellyng & inhabytyng, as is aforesayde, & vsyng or occuppying the sayde trade of bying of Fryzes, Cottons, or Playnes, shall vse or exercise the facultie of fryzing or cottonyng, vpon payne to incurre such lyke forfaitures for euery offence, as is aboue mentioned. The moitie of all which paynes & forfaitures aboue mentioned, shalbe to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heires, & successours, & the other moitie to such person and persons as wyl sue for the same in any court of recorde, by action, byll, or playnt of debt, wherein no protection, essoigne, iniunction, or wager of lawe shalbe alowed & admitted.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this present Acte, or any thyng, sentence, or matter therin conteyned, shall not extende or be in any wyse preiudiciall or hurtfull, to any such person or persons, as haue heretofore vsed, occupied, or frequented the said trade, arte, misterie, or science, of bying or sellyng of welshe Clothes and Linyngs aforesaid: but that euery such person and persons, which hath or haue vsed the saide trade or science, as is aforesaide, shall and may haue and enioy the lyke benefite, commoditie, and aduauntage, alwell in bying and sellyng the sayde welshe Clothes and Lynyngs, as otherwyse, in as large, free, and ample maner and fourme, as yf this Acte had neuer ben made.

And further, to thintent the sayde poore Shermen, Fryzers, and Cottoners, may be the better relieued & maintained, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery person and persons,

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occuppying and vsing, or whiche hereafter at any tyme shall occupie or vse the sayde trade, science, or arte of bying and sellyng of welshe Cloth and Lynynges aforesayde, and shall from the feaste of Easter next ensuyng, delyuer any welshe Cloth or Lynyngs aforesayde, to be cottoned, fryzed, dressed, or wrought, to any Sherman, Cottoner, or Fryzer, shall delyuer, content, and pay to the said Sherman, Cottoner, or Fryzer, redye and present money for all his saide worke, without any colour, fraude, or engine, whatsoeuer, and shall not delyuer any ware or other thyng whatsoeuer, in contentation or satisfaction of his sayd worke, or any part therof, vpon payne that euery person offending in this behalfe, shall forthwith lose all such liberties, freedomes, and priuileges, which he hath or shall haue, as one of the sayde company, fraternitie, and gylde, of the sayde art and misterie of Drapers, and also shall for euer after be vtterly disabled and excluded to vse, occupy, or enioye, by hym selfe, or by any other for hym, or to his vse, the sayde trade, art, misterie, or science of bying or sellyng of wealshe Clothes or Lynynges: This Acte, or any other matter or thyng whatsoeuer to the contrarye, in any wise notwithstandyng.

¶ An Act for the Repeale of a braunche of *a statute made. 32. H. 8. for the statute of* Horses within the Isle of Ely, and other places confinyng thervnto.

¶ The. viij. Chapter.

WHere at a Parliament holden at westminster, the. xxvii. yere of the raigne of the moste victorious Prince of famous memorie Kyng Henry the eyght, moste deare father vnto the Queenes excellent hyghnesse, our Soueraigne Ladye that nowe is, amonges other thinges it was ordeyned, established, and enacted, by the said late king, with thassent of the Lords spirituall and temporal, & the cõmons of the same Parliament assembled, for the increase & breede of greater & stronger Horses frõ thence after to be had, within this Realm of Englãd: that no Cõmoner or Cõmoners within

within any Forest, Chace, More, Marishe, Heath, Common, or waste grounde, nor any officer or officers, of, or within any of the sayde Forestes or Chaces, nor any other person or persons, whatsoeuer he or they be, at any time after the last day of Marche, whiche shoulde be in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. xliii. then next folowyng the Session of the same, shoulde haue or put to pasture, into or vppon any suche ground, Forest, Chace, More, Marishe, Heath, Common, or waste grounde, any stoned Horse or Horses, beyng aboue the age of two yeres, and not being of the altitude and heyght of sixteene handefull, to be measured from the lowest part of the hoofe, vnto the higher parte of the wyther, and euery handfull to conteyne foure ynches of the Standerd, to pasture, feede, or to be norysshed in or vppon any of the sayde Forests, Chaces, Commons, Mores, Marishes, Heathes, or waste groundes, within any of the Shires, or Territories of Norffolke, Suffolke, Cambridge, Buckingham, Huntington, Essex, Kent, Southampton, Northwilshire, Oxforde, Barke, Worcester, Gloucester, Somerset, Northwales, Southwales Bedforde, Warwicke, Northampton, Yorkshire, Chesshire, Stafford, the countie of the Citie of Yorke, the Towne and liberties of Gloucester, the Countie of the Towne of Kyngston vppon Hull, the Countie Palantine of Lancaster, the Countie of Sallop, Leycester, Hereforde, and Lyncolne, or within any of them, nor shal put to feede or pasture any stoned Horse or Horses beyng aboue the sayde age of two yeres, & not beyng in height of xiiii. handfull, to be measured as is aboue sayde, within or vpon any lyke grounde or groundes, as ben aboue wrytten, lying or beyng within any other Shire of this Realme, neyther yet any of them, vpon payne of forfayture and losse of the sayde Horse or Horses, whiche shoulde be founde in or vppon any suche Grounde, Forest, Chace, More, Marishe, Heath, Common, or waste grounde, at any time after the sayde laste day of Marche, whiche was in the yere of oure Lorde God. M. D. xliii. contrary to the fourme of the sayde late estatute, and further, as by the sayde estatute more fullye and at large may appeare. By reason whereof, and since whiche tyme, diuers and sundrye greate and manyfolde hurtes, hynderaunces, and losses hath happened and chaunced, aswell to the inhabitaunes of the Mores, Marishes, and Fenne groundes, within the Ile of Ely, scituate, lying and beyng in the sayde Countie of Cambridge, as also to the inhabitauntes of other the Mores, Marishes, and Fenne groundes within the said Shire, togethers with the Counties of Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norffolke and Suffolke, next adioyning and bordering vpon the same Ile: For that the sayde Mores, Marishes, and Fenne groundes, because of their rottennesse, vntrimnesse, moysture, and waterishnes, were neuer able, ne yet are, to breade, beare, or bryng

foorth such great breede of stoned Horses, of such bignesse and hygh stature, as within thaforesayde statute are expressed, without daunger and perill of the mireyng, drowning, and perishing of the same. Wherevpon many promoters, taking occasion by reason of thaforesayde estatute, haue aswell entred into the sayde Ile, as also other the Moores, Marishes, and Fenne grounds, in al the countrey next borderyng, and ioynyng vnto the same, and taken awaye, by vertue and putuey of the sayde estatute, from diuers poore men, not beyng able otherwise to remedie the same, their horse, not being comparable of lyke stature to the sayd estatute, aswell to the great losse and hinderaunce of all the breede of Horses there, no man daryng to put any suche foorth on the sayde groundes, for feare of suche persons; as also to the vtter subuertion and decaye of all the tillage and cariage within the sayde Ile; and others the countreys round about the same, in time to come.

For reformation and redresse wherof, be it enacted by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, the Lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctho-ritie of the same: That as much of thaforesaid estatute, made in the sayde, xxxii, yere of Kyng Henry the eyght, or yet any part, braunch, or article, or any parcell thereof, touchyng or concernyng any the Maryshes and seggie Fenne grounds within the said Ile, scituate, lying and beyng in the sayde countie of Cambridge, togethers with all others the Maryshes and seggie Fenne groundes; within the sayd Shires of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norfolke, and Suffolke, shall be from henceforth vtterly repealed, frustrate, voyde, and of none effecte in the lawe: Any thyng in the sayde former acte expressed to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Neuerthelesse, be it ordeyned and enacted by auctho-ritie of this present Parliament, that no person or persons whatsoeuer he or they be, at any tyme after the last day of March next comming, shal haue or put to pasture into or vppon any Maryshe or seggie Fenne ground within the sayde Ile of Ely, or into or vpon any Marysh or seggie Fenne grounds within the said coũties of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norfolke & Suffolke, or any of them, any stoned Horse or Horses, beyng aboue thage of two yeres, and not being of the altitude and height of xiii. handful, to be measured from the lowest parte of the hoofe of the forefoote, vnto the higher part of the wither, & euery handfull to conteyne. iiii. ynches of the standerd, to pasture, feede, or to be nourished, in or vpon anye the said Marishes, or seggie Fenne groundes, within the said Ile, & within the sayde counties of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincoln, Norfolke and Suffolke, or any of them, vpon suche & the lyke payne, as by the sayde former Acte is limitted and expressed.

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An Acte to repeale a braunche of a statute, made in An. 22. H. 8. touchyng the pryces of Barrels and Kilderkins.

The. ix. Chapter.

IN theyr moste humble wyse, shewen vnto the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, and vnto the Lordes spirituall and temporal, and vnto the commons in this present Parliament assembled: the Cowpers of the Citie of London, and of al other Cities and Townes within this Realme of England, that where in the Parliament holden by prorogation at Westminster, the xv. daie of Januarye, in the. xxiii. yere of the raigne of the late Kyng of famous memorie Kyng Henry the eyght, Father to oure sayde Soueraigne Lady, the Queenes hyghnes that nowe is, there was one Statute made and enacted, entituled: An Acte, that no Brewers of Beere or Ale, shall make theyr Barrels, Kilderkins, nor Fyrkyns within them, and how muche the same Barrels, Kilderkins and Fyrkyns shall conteyne. In which statute, amongst other thynges therein conteyned, it is enacted, that no artificer of the Cowpers, shall enhaunce the pryces of any suche Barrels, Kylderkyns, Fyrkins, or other vessels, in the sale of them, to any Alebrewer, or Beere brewer, or other person, as in the saide Acte are mentioned, but should kepe the rates of suche pryces, as in the same Acte are expressed, and not aboue, vppon payne to forfaite for euery Barrell, Kylderkyn, and Fyrkyn, defectiue or enhaunced in pryce, in any poynte contrarye to the sayde Acte iii. s. iiii. d. (That is to saye) for euery Beere barrell. ix. d. for euery Beere kylderkin. v. d. and for euery beere fyrkyn. iii. d. And the Ale barrell. xvi. d. the ale kilderkin ix. d. and the Ale fyrkyn. v. d. as by the same Acte, amongest dyuers other thynges therein conteyned, more fully and at large doth and maye appeare. Since whiche time, the Clouebordе and stuffe wherof the sayde vessels and the hoopes thereof shoulde be made, are rysen and growen to suche excessiue pryces, that suche as do make the sayde vessels, can not make and sell any suche Barrels, Kylderkyns, Fyrkyns, or other vessels, at the pryces expressed in the said estatute, but to theyr great losse and hinderaunce: whereby the misterie, trade, and facultie of the saide Cowpers, is vtterly ouerthrowen, to

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the impouerishement and vtter vndoing of them, theyr wyues, children, and families, as is moste euident.

Forasmuche as at the tyme of the making of the said statute, the Cowpers might haue bought a thousand of Barrel bordes for .xii.s. or xiii.s.iiii. d. and a thousande of Kilderkyn bordes, for ir.s. or r.s. and a loade of hoopes for ir. s. or r.s. And now a thousand of Barrell borde can not be bought vnder xxxiii. s. iiii. d. and xl. s. and a thousand of Kylderkyn borde vnder xxvi.s. viii. d. and a loade of hoopes vnder xxxiii. s. iiii. d. and xl. s. as is ryght well and notoriously knowen:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of the same, that as much of euery article, clause, and sentence, comprysed in the saide statute, made in the sayde. xxiii. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng, as doth touch or concerne the prices of Barrels, Kylderkins, Fyrkyns, and other vessels, and all and euery payne and forfayture expressed and declared in the saide Acte, for selling of any of the said kynde of vessels, aboue the prices before specified, from the tyme of newe prices to be set in fourme hereafter expressed, for suche places onlye as the same newe prices shall be set, shalbe clearely repealed, frustrate, and made voyde. And that from henceforth the prices of all Barrels, Kylderkyns, Fyrkyns, and other vessels, to be solde for Ale, Beere, or Sope, to be vttered therein, shalbe rated and tared by Mayres, Baylyes, and other head officer or officers of euery Citie and Towne corporate, where any suche vessels shalbe made, or offered to be solde: And where such vessels shalbe made or solde out of any Citie, Borough, or Towne, corporate, the prices thereof shall be rated and tared by the Justices of the peace, or the more parte of them, beyng present in the generall or quarter Sessions, yerely next after Easter, at suche reasonable prices, as they shall thinke reasonable by theyr discretions. The sayde statute made in the sayd xxiii. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, or any other lawe, custome, or vsage, to the contrarye thereof, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And be it further enacted, that if the sayde Cowpers, or any of them, shall not make sale according to such prices as shall be rated, as is aforesaide, after proclamation thereof made: that then euerye person and persons so offendyng, shall for the same, incurre the paines and forfaitures mentioned in the sayd statute, made the said xxiii. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng: That is to wyt, for euery Barrel, Kylderkyn, and Fyrkyn, which shalbe solde at greater price then shalbe rated and tared, as is aforesayde, the summe of iii.s. iiii.d. of lawfull money of England, whereof the one moitie

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to be to the Queenes highnes, her heyres, and successours, and the other moitie to such person and persons, as wil sue for the same, by action of det, in any court of recorde, wherin no protection, essoigne, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed or admitted.

An Acte for Boyers, and the *pryces of Bowes.*

¶ The .x. Chapter.

Moste humbly complaynyng, sheweth vnto your highnes, and to your high Court of Parliament, your obedient subiectes, the Bowyers, dwellyng and inhabiting within the Citie of London, & the suburbes of the same: That where in the Parliament of the late kynge of most famous memorye, kyng Henry the eyght, begunne and holden at westminster, the xvi. day of Januarie, in the xxxiii. yere of the raigne of the said late king, and there continued vntyll the fyrst daye of Aprill then next folowyng, there was one Acte and statute then made and prouyded, intituled: An Act for the maintenaunce of Artillerie, and debarryng of vnlawful games. In whiche Acte and statute, amongest other thynges, there is one braunche conteyned and specified: The tenour whereof is, as hereafter foloweth. That is to saye: And to thintent, that euery person maye haue Bowes of meane pryce, be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that euery Bowyer dwellyng out of the Citie of London, shal after the feast of the Purification of our Lady then next commyng, for euery Bowe that he maketh of Ewe, make three other Bowes meete to shote in, of Elme, witchhasell, Ashe, and other wood, apte for the same, vnder the payne to lose and forfayte for euery suche Bowe so lackyng. iii. s. iiii. d. And euery Bowyer, dwellyng within the Citie and Suburbes of London, shall after the sayd feaste of the Purification of our Lady then next commyng, for euery Bowe of Ewe, make two other Bowes apte for shotyng, of Ashe, Elme, witchhasell, or other wood, meete for the same, vnder lyke payne and forfaiture, as by the sayde statute more playnely it doth and maye appeare. And although the said braunche

braunche of the sayd statute, be needefull and expedient to remayne and continue for suche Bowyers as do dwell and inhabite in the Countrey, and other places out of the Citie of London, and the Suburbes of the same: Yet forasmuch as there be very fewe or no Bowes of Elme, witchhasell, or Ashe, or of any other wood, then onely of Ewe, vsed or occupyed by any person within the sayde Citie and Suburbes of the same: therefore the sayde braunche of the sayde Acte and statute before rehearsed, was not, ne is needefull to be had and made for the Bowyers, dwellyng within the sayde Citie and Suburbes. And yet neuertheless, your sayde subiectes, for the auoydyng of the daunger and penaltie conteyned in the sayde braunche, are dayly enforced to make suche great number of Bowes of Elme, witchhasell, and Ashe, that they can not in conuenient tyme, vtter and sell the same, but are constrayned to kepe suche Bowes by them so made, vntyll they be putrified, and not meete for any good vse or purpose. By reason whereof, muche of the sayde wood of Elme, witchhasell, and Ashe, is dayly wasted and consumed in makyng of the sayd Bowes, and your sayd subiectes, by suche losses as they dayly sustayne in makyng suche Bowes, greatly impouerished, and the common wealth thereby nothyng aduaunced, but rather hindered. And where also in the seuerall statutes, of the noble kyng of famous memorie, kyng Edwarde the fourth, made in the .xxii. yere of his raigne, and in the thirde yere of the raigne of kyng Henry the seuenth, Graundfather to our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and in the sayde .xxiii. yere of the raigne of our sayde late Soueraigne Lorde, kyng Henry the eyght, father to our sayde Soueraigne Lady, there is mention made of the prices of Bowes, whiche at those seuerall tymes, was appoynted to be but .iii.s.iiii.d. and not aboue, to sell the best. At whiche sayde tymes, suche Bowes myght well haue ben so solde to any person or persons, accordyng to the rates and prices expressed in the sayd seueral Actes, vntyll nowe, within this twentie yeres, the prices of Bowstaues haue diuersly ben rayled and enhaunsed, from fiue poundes a hundreth, to .xii. li. or thereaboutes, for whiche causes, the prices conteyned in the sayde seuerall statutes, can not be obserued: And yet your Maiesties sayde subiectes the Bowyers, are presently in daunger of the sayde seuerall statutes concernyng the prices of Bowes, which they humbly beseche your Maiestie, with thassent of your high court of Parliament, may be releassed vnto them, and the penalties appoynted for the same.

Be it therfore enacted, ordayned, and established, by the Queenes Maiestie our Soueraigne Lady, with thassent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament

assembled, and by the auctho̅ritie of the same, that the sayde estatutes of kyng Edwarde the fourth, and kyng Henry the seuenth, concernyng the pryces of Bowes, and all the braunches conteyned in the sayde statute of kyng Henry the eyght, so farre forth as the same extendeth to the pryces of Bowes therein expressed only, from the first day of this presente Parliament, and so for euer, be thereby clearely repealed and made voyde and frustrate, to all intents, constructions, and purposes, and also all and euery clause and sentence of the sayde statute of kyng Henry the eyght before recited, tendyng to the makyng of Bowes of Elme, Witchhasell, Ashe, and other wood, besides Ewe before rehearsed, or any penaltie therin conteyned, for any the sayde last rehearsed premisses, from henceforth for euer shall not be entended, construed, or taken to extende to any Bowyer nowe dwellyng or inhabityng, or which hereafter shall happen to dwell or inhabite within the Cities of London and Westminster, or the Suburbes of any of them, or in the Borough of Southwarke, in the Countie of Surrey: The sayde statutes, or any thyng in them, or any of them, conteyned in any wyse to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And be it further enacted by the auctho̅ritie aforesayde, that all and euery the sayde Bowyers within the sayde Cities and Suburbes of London and Westminster, & Borough of Southwarke, shall from henceforth from tyme to tyme, and at all tymes hereafter, prouide and haue in his or their custody, the number of fyftie good and able Bowes of Elme, Witchhasell, or Ashe, at the least, wel and substauncially made and wrought, vpon payne that euery of the sayde Bowyers, which by the space of twentie dayes, shall not haue in his custody such number of the sayde Bowes of Witchhasell, Elme, or Ashe, redy made, and meete to be solde and vsed as aforesayde, shall hereafter for euery Bowe lacking of the number aforesayde, forfayte. x. s. the one moitie of which forfayture, shalbe to our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and the other moitie therof, shalbe to hym or them, vsyng the art of an Armourer, Fletcher, or maker of Bowestrynges, that wyll sue for the same, by action of debt, bill, playnt, or otherwise, in any court of Recorde, in which action and suite, no protection, or wager of law, shall in any wyse be admitted or alowed for the defendaunt.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctho̅ritie aforesayde, that yf any Bowyer, after the first day of May next commyng, do sell any Bowes meete for mens shootyng, beyng outlandishe Ewe, and of the best sort, ouer and aboue the pryce of. vi. s. viii. d. or do sell any Bowes meete for mens shootyng, beyng of the seconde sort, ouer and aboue the pryce of. iii. s. iiii. d. or shall sell any Bowes meete for men, as is aforesayd, beyng of the course sort,

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called liuerye Bowes, for and aboue the pryce of .ii.s. a peece, or that shall after the sayde first day of May, sell any Bowes beyng Englishe Ewe, ouer and aboue the pryce of .ii. s. the peece: that then the seller or sellers of suche Bowes, shall forfayte for euery Bowe so solde, ouer and aboue the pryce aforesayde. xl. s. the one moitie therof, to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, and the other moitie, to the partie vsyng the art of an Armourer, Fletcher, or maker of Bowstrynges, that wyll sue for the same in any court of Recorde, by action of debt, byll, playnt, or otherwyse, wherin no wager of lawe, essoigne, or protection, shalbe admitted or alowed: Any thyng in this Act, or in any other Acte conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng. This Act to continue vntyll the last day of the first session of the next Parliament.

An Acte for the true makyng of *Hattes and Cappes.*

¶ The .xj. Chapter.

WHere great multitudes of the Queenes Maiesties true subiectes, vsyng the Arte of makyng of wollen Cappes, are impouerished and decayed by the excessiue vse of Hattes and Feltes, and thereby diuers good Cities and Townes brought to desolation, great plentie of straunge commodities, without necessitie consumed, and great numbers of people enforced to depende vpon the hauing of forraine woolles, to the discommoditie of this Realme, the disfurniture of seruice to be done to the Queenes Maiestie, and greater euident daungers, yf remedy be not prouided: It may therefore please the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, at the lamentable suite and complaynt of her sayd poore subiectes, that it be enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that no person, by hym or her selfe, or by any other, shal after the feast of the Natiuitie of S. John Baptist next commyng, make or worke any Felt or Hatte, of, or with any forraine wooll or stuffe, vnlesse suche person shall first haue ben apprentice or couenaunt seruaunt, to such misterie of Felt or Hat making, by the space of seuen yeres at the least, vpon payne to forfayte all such Hattes or

ſeltes, as he ſhall make, or cauſe to be made whyle he worketh, contrary to the fourme of this Act, and fiue poundes in money for euery moneth that he ſhall ſo continue.

AND be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that from the fyrſt day of Aprill next commyng, no perſon whatſoeuer, ſhal make, ſell, or cauſe to be made or ſolde, any Cappe or other thyng of felt, but only Hattes, nor ſhall make, ſell, or cauſe to be made or ſolde, any Cappe of any woollen cloth not knit. And that no perſon, after the ſayde firſt day of Aprill, ſhall dye, or cauſe to be dyed blacke, any Cappe, with barke or ſwarfe, but only with copperas and gall, or with wood and madder.

AND (for the ſettyng of many poore and impotent perſons to worke, and for better makyng of Cappes) that no perſon, after the ſayde firſt day of Aprill, ſhall thicke or full in any Myll, or cauſe to be thicked or fulled in any Myll, any Cappe, vntyll ſuch tyme as the ſame Cappe be firſt well ſcoured and cloſed vppon the bancke, and halfe thicked at the leaſt in the footeſtocke. And that no man vnder the degree of a Knyght, or of a Lordes ſonne, ſhall after the ſayd firſt day of Aprill, weare any Hatte or vpper Cappe or Veluet, or couered with Veluet, on payne to forfayte for euery Hatte, Cap, or other thyng to be made, dyed, thicked, fulled, ſolde, or worne, contrary to the meanyng of this Acte, ten ſhillinges, whereof the one moitie ſhalbe to the Queenes Maieſtie, her heyres, and ſucceſſours, the other moitie to ſuch perſon then vſyng the feate of Cappe makyng, as wyll ſue for the ſame in any court of Recorde, wherein no eſſoigne, protection, or wager of lawe, for the defendaunt, ſhalbe admitted or allowed.

AND for the better and truer makyng of Cappes and Hattes within this Realme: Be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that it ſhalbe lefull to the Maiſter and Wardens of the company of Haberdaſhers, within the Citie of London, and to their ſucceſſours for the tyme beyng, callyng to them one of the company of the Cappers, and another of the makers of Hattes, as often as neede ſhall require, within the ſayde Citie, or within three myles of the ſame, to ſearche all and all maner of Cappers and makers of Hattes, and the offendours and defaultes by them found, to correct and punyſhe by fynes and otherwyſe, as in lyke caſes they do other offendours and defaultes within the ſayde company. And that it ſhalbe lefull for all Maiors, Bayliffes, and other head officers, in all other Cities and Townes corporate, to do the lyke.

PROVIDED alway, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaid, that euery Hatmaker, that is now a maker or worker of Hats, and beyng a houſholder, apprentice, couenaunt ſeruaunt, or iorneyman, ſhall or may, duryng ſuch perſons naturall life, continue ma-

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kyng of Hattes and Feltes, albeit ſuche perſon were not bounden apprentice to the ſame arte for the ſpace of ſeuen yeres. And be it enacted, that no maker or worker of Hattes, ſhall take or receaue any apprentices, contrary to the true meanyng of this Acte, that is to ſay, aboue two apprentices at one tyme, nor thoſe for any leſſe tyme, then ſeuen yeres at the leaſt, on payne to ſuffer for euery apprentice to be taken or receaued againſt the fourme of this Acte, one monethes impriſonment in the common Gaole, without baile or mayneprize. And that euery taking or receauing of apprentice, contrary to this Acte, ſhalbe voyde: And alſo ſuche perſon ſo taking or receauing, ſhalbe from thencefoorth diſhabled to haue any mo apprentices, then one at one tyme.

Prouided alway, that nothyng in this Act ſhal extende to charge any perſon, alowed to be a Feltmaker or Hatmaker, with any payne or forfayture, for ſettyng or vſyng his or their owne chyldren to the making or working of Feltes or Hattes, in his or their owne houſes. Prouided, that this Acte ſhall not extende to any makyng of Hattes with worſted yarne, in the Citie of Norwitch.

An Acte for Thalnegers fees in Lancaſhire, *and for length, breadth, and wayght of* Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges.

The .xij. Chaper.

FOraſmuch as diuers Clothiers inhabityng within the Countie Palantine of Lancaſter, ſeekyng inordinately their owne ſinguler gaynes, haue of late practized priuilye, to conuey and carry away out of the ſayde Countie, diuers Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, there made, to be ſolde, before ſuche tyme as the Queenes Aulneger of the ſayde Countie, hath fixed vnto euery ſuch Cloth, the Queenes Seale in that behalfe appoynted, and ſometyme counterfaityng and ſettyng to ſuch their clothes, ſeales of their owne, myndyng therby, not onlye to defraude the ſayde Aulneger of his accuſtomable fees, due to be payde to the Queenes hyghnes vſe, for the ſealyng of euery ſuche Cloth, Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge: but alſo to couer and hyde the vn-

true and deceiptful making of many of the sayde Clothes, contrary to the true meanyng of sundry good and wholsome statutes and lawes heretofore made, aswell for the true makyng of the clothes before said, as also for the searching, trying, and sealing, of the same, to the no lytle preiudice and damage of the sayde Julneger, who standeth charged with the payment of a great annall farme to the Queenes Maiestie, for the sayd Julnege, in disceipt of her highnes subiectes, and discredite of the commoditie of the sayd clothes.

For reformation whereof, be it enacted by our sayd Soueraigne Lady the Queene, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that no person or persons, from and after the first day of Aprill next commyng, shall sell, or put to sale within the sayde Countie, or conuey, or carry, or cause to be conueyed and caryed out of the sayde Countie of Lancaster, any kynde of Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, hereafter to be made within the sayd Countie Palantine of Lancaster, to be solde, before such tyme that the owner or maker of euery such Cloth, Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, shall fire and put to, or cause to be fired & put to euery such Cloth, Fryze, Cotton, or Rugge, one seale of Leade, hauyng the marke of euery such owner or Clothyer ingraued, on the one syde therof, and the true length of euery such Cloth, Fryze, Cotton, or Rugge, as it is founde beyng wette, to be ingraued on the other syde of the sayde seale. And also the Queenes hyghnes Julneger of the sayde Countie Palantine, for the tyme beyng, vpon tryall of the wayght of euery such Cotton, Fryze, and Rugge, shall fire and put, or cause to be fired and put to euery such Cotton, Fryze, and Rugge, the Queenes hyghnes seale of Leade, hauyng the Portecullies crowned, ingraued on the one syde therof, and the true wayght of euery such Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, to be ingraued on the other syde of the same seale, vpon payne of forfayture of al & euery such Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, conueyed, caryed, sent, solde, and put to sale, or to the intent to be solde, beyng vnsealed, contrary to the meanyng of this present Acte: the one moitie thereof, to be to the vse of the Queenes hyghnes, her heyres, and successours, and the other moitie thereof, to such person or persons, that shall seale the same Cloth, Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, or wyll sue for the same, to be recouered in any of the Queenes hyghnes courtes of Recorde, by bill, playnt, information, or otherwyse, wherein no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe, shalbe alowed for the defendaunt.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde Julneger, after the sayde fyrste day of Aprill, shall appoynt and haue his lawfull deputie within euery of the seuerall Townes of Manchester, Rochedale, Bolton, Blackborne,

borne, and Bery, in the said Countie where the said Aulneger hath ben accustomed to haue his deputie heretofore, there to be redy vpon lawful requeſt vnto him made, without delay, to waye euery of the said Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, as shall be brought vnto euery such deputie, and sealed with the seale of the owner or maker of euery of the same clothes, in fourme beforesayde, and to fixe and set to euery of the sayde Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, the Queenes highnes seale beforesayde, to be ingraued in maner and fourme before mentioned, vpon payne of forfayture of .xx. s. for euery packe of Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, sealed by the sayd Aulneger, or any of his sayde deputies, before the same be wayed in fourme beforesayde: the one moitie thereof, to be to the vse of the Queenes highnes, her heires and succeſſours, and the other moitie thereof, to hym or them that will sue for the same, in any of the Queenes Maieſties courtes of Recorde, by bill, plainte, informatian, action of debt, or otherwiſe, wherein no wager of lawe, protection, or eſſoigne, shalbe alowed.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide that it shalbe lawfull for the said Aulneger or his deputie, to haue and take of the owner or maker of euery of the sayde Clothes, Cottons, Frizes, or Rugges, for the waying & sealing of euery packe of the sayd Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, iii. d. And for euery peece of such course Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, not amountyng to a whole packe one halfepeny, and the same to be payde by the owner or bringer of the said clothes, at the waying and sealing of the same: Any custome, vse, or prescription to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding. And forasmuch as suche persons as commonly do vse to vtter and sell the said seueral kindes of Cottons, Fryzes, & Rugges, haue ben, and are dayly molested, vexed, and troubled, to their great losse and hinderaunce, by meanes of the crueltie of Informers & searchers, seeking continually their owne priuate gaine, by finding of the said Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, at no time made according to such fourme of waight, lengthes, & breadthes, as by the former statutes of this Realme, lately made for the true making of wollen cloth, is limitted and appointed: And for that the same persons do allege, that the makers of the said Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, can by no meanes be reduced to obserue the said waightes, lengthes, and breadthes, in making of the sayde Cottons, Fryzes, & Rugges, according to the fourme of the saide former estatuts, without the vtter vndoing of great numbers of poore people, that are commonly the makers of such kynd of clothes, and that by meanes hereof, the saide Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, sithens the making of the said estatutes, haue ben, & are more scarse and dearer, then they were before the making of the saide estatutes,

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and in nothing at all amended in substaunce or fourme of making.

For reformation wherof: Be it enacted, that from and after the first day of Aprill next comming, euery of the saide Cottons, beyng sufficiently mylled or thicked, cleane scoured, wel wrought, and fullye dryed, shall way. xxi. pounde at the least, and shall contayne in length. xxi. goades, or xx. goades at the least, and in breadth at the most, three quarters of the yarde, or within one nayle of three quarters of the yarde at the least. And that euery of the saide Fryzes or Rugges, being thicked and fully dryed, shal way. xliii. pound at the least, and shall contayne in length, betwirte. xxxv. yardes, & xxxvii. yardes, and shall contayne in breadth at the most, three quarters of the yarde, or within one nayle of three quarters at the least, and not to be strayned vpon the taintours, aboue one nayle in breadth. And also if any of the saide Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, shall be of anye greater length, then is before seuerally expressed, that then euery goade or yarde so exceeding the sayd seuerall lengthes, shall way after such rate, as euery goade or yarde of suche Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, cõtaining the said seueral lengthes, shal or ought to way, vpon payne of forfayture for euery goade or yarde not waying after such rate. xii. d. And also if any of the saide Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, shalbe of lesse waight, then is before seuerally limitted & appointed, that then all and euery such person or persons, that shall so sell, or offer to be solde, any such Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, shal forfayte for euery pounde lackyng vnder three poundes. xii. d. and for euery pounde waight lackyng aboue. iii. li. fiue shillinges: the one halfe of whiche forfaitures, shall be to oure Soueraigne Ladye the Queenes hyghnes, her heyres and successours, and the other halfe therof, to such person or persons, that shall sue for the same, by action of debt, byll, playnt, or information, in any of the Queenes Maiesties courtes of Recorde, wherein no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe, shalbe admitted or allowed for the defendaunt.

And further, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery braunche, clause, sentence, and article specified and contayned in any other Actes of Parliament before this tyme made, concernyng the sealyng and makyng of the saide Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, shalbe from henceforth vtterly repealed, voyde, and of none effect: Any thing in the said Actes contained to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, that this Acte shall not in anye wyse extende to be prejudiciall or hurtful vnto any charter or libertie of any Borough or corporate Towne within the sayde Countie Palantine of Lancaster, concernyng the makyng and putting to sale of any woollen cloth: Any thing therin cõtained to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An Acte concerning Sea markes and Mariners.

The.xiij. Chapter.

WHereas the Mayſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtauntes of the Trinitie houſe of Deptforde ſtronde, beyng a company of the chiefeſt and moſt expert maiſters and gouernours of ſhippes, incorporate within them ſelues, charged with the conduction of the Queenes Maieſties Nauye royall, are bounde to foreſee the good encreaſe and mayntenaunce of ſhippes, and of al kinde of men traded and brought vp by water craffte, moſte meete for her Maieſties marine ſeruice. And forasmuche as by the deſtroying and takyng away of certaine ſteeples, woodes, and other markes, ſtanding vpon the mayne ſhores, adioynyng to the ſea coaſtes of this Realme of Englande and Wales, beyng as beakons and markes of auncient tyme accuſtomed for Seafaryng men, to ſaue and kepe them and the ſhippes in their charge, from ſundry daungers thereto incident: diuers ſhippes with their goods and marchandizes, in sayling from forrayne partes towardes this Realme of Englande and Wales, and ſpecially to the port and ryuer of Thames, haue by the lacke of ſuche markes, of late yeres ben miſcaried, periſhed, and loſt in the Sea, to the great detriment and hurt of the common weale, and the periſhyng of no ſmall number of people.

FOR remedie wherein to be had: Be it enacted, eſtabliſhed, and ordayned, by the Queenes moſte excellent Maieſtie, by the conſentes of the Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that the foreſayde Maiſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtauntes of the Trinitie houſe at Deptforde ſtronde, aforeſayde, beyng a company incorporated as before, ſhall and maye lawefully by vertue of this Acte, from tyme to tyme hereafter, at their wylles and pleaſures, and at their coſtes: make, erect, and ſet vp ſuche and ſo manye beakons, markes, and ſignes for the ſea, in ſuche place or places of the ſea ſhores, and vplandes neare the ſea coaſtes, or forelandes of the ſea, onelye for ſea markes, as to them ſhall ſeeme moſte meete,

meete, nedefull, and requisite, whereby the daungers may be auoyded and escaped, and shippes the better come vnto theyr portes, without peryll. And that all suche Beakons, markes, and signes, so to be by them or theyr assignes, erected, made, and set vp, at the costes and charges of the sayd Maister, wardens, and assistauntes, shall and maye be continued, renued, and be mayntayned from tyme to tyme, at the costes and charges of the sayde Maister, wardens, and assistauntes: Any thing to the contrary hereof notwithstandyng.

AND be it further ordayned and enacted by thauctho*r*itie afore sayde, that no steeples, trees, or other thynges, nowe standyng, as beakons or markes for the sea, whereof to the owner or occupier of the place (wheare the same doth grow or stande, before the first day of Marche nexte comming) notice shalbe geuen by the Queenes Maiesties letters vnder her signet, shall at any tyme hereafter, be taken downe, felled, or otherwise cut downe, vpon paine that euery person by whose procurement, or consent suche offence shal be committed, shall forfayte the summe of one hundreth pounds, whereof the one moitie to the Queenes Maiestie, and the other moitie to be to the Maister, wardens, and Assistauntes of the saide Trinitie house. And yf the sayde person or persons so offendyng, be not of the value of one hundred poundes: then the same person and persons, to be deemed conuict of outlarie, ipso facto, to all constructions and purposes.

AND further, be it enacted by auethoritie aforesayde, that all Mariners, and Seafaryng men, dwellyng about the saide ryuer of Thames, beyng thereto licenced by the sayd Maister, wardens, and Assistauntes, and hauyng sufficient certificat of suche licence from the sayde Maister, and wardens, as wel betweene their voyages, as at other times, at their willes & pleasures, by force hereof, the better to kepe and refrayne them selues from folly, ydlenes, and lewde company, and for the reliefe of them, their wiues, and children: shal and may freely and quietly, exercise and rowe in their owne wherries, or any other mens wherries by them to be hyred, or wherein they shalbe hyred to worke, vp and downe the said riuer of Thames, to applye and followe the ordinarye passyng and carrying of the Queenes Maiesties people to and fro, as other watermen, commonly called whirrimen, of the same riuer vse and accustome to do, without impechement, hinderaunce, or let, to the contrarye. And that such Seafaryng men, shall not thereby be drawen vnder any other gouernement, then vnder the sayde Maister, wardens, and Assistauntes, as they were before: Any Acte, statute, prouision, proclamation, ordinaunce, or custome, heretofore agaynst the premisses ordayned or made, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

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An Acte touchyng transporting of tawed Leather.

The .xiiij. Chaper.

Forasmuche as in one Acte made in the firste session of this present Parliament, intituled: An Acte agaynst the carryng of Sheepskins and peltes ouer the sea, not beyng Staple ware, there is contayned one braunche agaynste the makyng of any peltes by any person, other then such as are permitted to make the same by the sayde statute. The execution of whiche braunche, hath ben put in suspence, by reason that some other parts of the same statute, are supposed to be against the entercourse of the lowe Countryes of the kyng of Spayne.

BE it therefore declared and enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde firste braunche of the sayde statute, beyng not against the saide entercourse, shal from henceforth be put in due execution. And forasmuche as great multitudes of the Queenes Maiesties liege people, haue ben set on worke by conuertyng of Sheepe skinnes and Lambe skinnes, into tawed Leather and Parchment, here within this Realme, whiche by one other braunche of the saide statute, is prohibited to be transported out of the Realme in Leather: And where the conuertyng of suche skinnes into Leather and Parchement, hath ben great mayntenaunce of many thousandes of the subiectes of this Realme, and greater dayly wylbe, to the great benefite of this Realme, yf the sayde first braunche concernyng making of peltes be duely put in execution, where otherwyse, yf the sayde peltes shoulde be transported into other Realmes, the same woulde be an occasion of the impouerishing of many of the naturall Englyshe people of this Realme.

BE it therefore enacted by auctheritie of this present Parliament, that so much of the sayde statute, as concerneth the transporting of tawed Leather, to be made of Sheepe skinnes, and Lambes skinnes, shal from henceforth, as touching only the transporting of such tawed Leather, be repealed and voyde: Any thyng in the sayde statute to the contrary, not withstandyng.

ANNO OCTAVO.

An Acte for preſeruation of Grayne.

The .xv. Chaper.

WHere in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter vpon prorogation, the fourth daye of Februarye, in the. xxiiii. yere of the raigne of the noble Prince of famous memorie kyng Henry the eyght: amongeſt other Actes, one eſtatute was made and prouided for the deſtruction of Crowes, Rookes, & Chaughes: In whiche eſtatute, is conteyned one braunche concerning the prouiſion, putting in vre, and mayntenaunce of nettes and ſhrapes: whiche braunch, beyng very good and beneficiall, long tyme ſythens was expyred. Be it therefore ordayned and enacted, by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, with the aſſent of the Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoritie of the ſame, that onelye the ſayde braunche of the ſame eſtatute, concerning the prouiſion, vſe, and mayntenaunce of nettes and ſhrapes, for the deſtruction of Crowes, Rookes, and Chaughes, and all and euery article, forfaiture, & penaltie, contained in the ſaid braunche, for and concernyng the prouiſion and puttyng in vre of the ſame nettes, and for the maintenaunce thereof, accordyng to the fourme therein limitted: ſhall from henceforth be reuiued and put in due execution, and that all and euery other braunche and article contayned in the ſame eſtatute, ſhalbe from henceforth vtterly repealed and made voyde to all intentes and purpoſes.

AND further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that in euerye paryſhe, the Churchwardens for the tyme beyng, with others of the pariſhioners, to the number of fiue perſons, to be required by the Churchwardens, ſhall after the feaſt of Sainte Michaell tharchaungell next commyng, yerely in one of the feſtiuall dayes in the Eaſter weeke, and at euery other tyme when and as often as it is and ſhalbe nedefull, taxe and aſſeſſe euery proprietour, farmour, and other perſon, hauyng the poſſeſſion of any lande or tythes within their ſeuerall paryſhes, to pay ſuche ſumme of money, as they ſhall thinke meete, accordyng to the quantitie and portion

tion of ſuche landes or tythes, as the ſame perſon ſo aſſeſſed, do or ſhall haue or holde: And yf the ſayde ſummes of money, or any of them, ſo tared and aſſeſſed, be or ſhalbe denyed to be payde, or be not payde within fourteene dayes next after requeſt thereof made by the ſayde Churchwardens, or one of them: then euery perſon ſo denying or makyng ſuche defaulte of payment, ſhall forfayte for euery tyme fyue ſhyllynges, and the ſame, together with the ſayde ſumme or ſummes aſſeſſed and tared as is aforeſayde, ſhalbe leuied by diſtreſſe, of the goodes and cattels of ſuch perſon and perſons ſo aſſeſſed, and refuſing to pay ſuch ſumme, to be taken by the Churchwardens, or one of them: whiche diſtreſſe, ſhalbe ordered and vſed in ſuche maner and fourme, as diſtreſſes taken for amerciamentes in any letes, and the ſame ſummes ſo tared and aſſeſſed, and the ſayde penalties, yf any be ſo by them leuied, as is aforeſayde, ſhalbe yerely by the ſayde Churchwardens for the time beyng, or one of them, of euery ſuch pariſhe, deliuered, by bill or bils indented, to two honeſt and ſubſtanciall perſons of euery ſuch pariſhe, which ſhalbe elected and appoynted by the ſayde Churchwardens, for the tyme being, to haue the yerely diſtribution therof, and ſhalbe named the diſtributours of the prouiſion for the deſtruction of noyfull foules and vermyn. And the ſayd diſtributours ſo appoynted, as is aforeſayd, ſhall geue and pay of the ſame money ſo to them deliuered, to euery perſon that ſhall bryng to them any heades of olde Crowes, Chaughes, Pyes, or Rookes, taken within the ſeuerall paryſhes, for the heades of euery three of them, a peny. And for the heades of euery fyre young Crowes, Chaughes, Pyes, or Rookes, taken as is aforeſayde, a peny. And for euery fyre egges of any of them vnbroken, a peny. And lykewyſe for euery twelue Stares heades, a peny. All whiche ſayde heades and egges, the ſayde diſtributours in ſome conuenient place ſhal kepe, and ſhal euery moneth at leaſt, bryng forth the ſame before the ſaide Churchwardens ꝛ tarours, or three of them, and then and there to them ſhall make a true accompt in wrytyng, what money they haue layde forth, and payde for ſuche heades and egges, and for the heades of ſuche other rauenous bydes and vermyn, as are hereafter in this Acte mentioned. That is to ſaye: For euery head of Martin hawkes, Furſekytte, Moldkytte, Buſarde, Schagge, Carmerante, or Ryngtayle. ii. d. and for euery two egges of them, one penye. For euery Iron or Oſpreyes head, foure pence. For the head of euery woodwall, Pye, Jaye, Rauen, or Kyte, one peny. For the head of euery byrde whiche is called the kinges Fiſher, one peny. For the head of euery Bullfynche, or other byrde that deuoureth the blowth of fruite, one peny. For the heades of euery Foxe or Gray. xii. d. and for the head

of euery Fitchewe, Polcatte, Weſell, Stote, Fayre Bade, or wylde Catte. i.d. For the heades of euery Otter, or Hedgehogges. ii. d. For the heades of euery three Rattes, or twelue Myſe. i.d. For the heades of euery Moldwarpe or Wante, a ob. For the heades of euery which byrdes and vermyn laſt mentioned, the ſayde diſtributours ſhall likewiſe paye and geue to the bringer of them, for euery head, kylde and taken, within their ſeueral pariſhe, as before is limitted, and ſhall kepe the ſame to be ſhewed fourth vpon theyr accompt, in maner and fourme as is aforeſayde. All whiche ſayde heades and egges, ſhalbe fourthwith, after ſuche accompt made, in the preſence of the ſayde Churchwardens and tarours, or of three of them, burned, coutumed, or cut in ſunder. And yf vppon any accompt to be made in the ende and determination of the office of any ſuch diſtributours, it ſhall appeare that any ſumme of money is remaynyng in the handes of the ſayd diſtributours, or of any of them, then the ſame ſhalbe by byll indented, as is aforeſayd, deliuered ouer to ſuch perſons, as be or ſhalbe elected to the ſame office, for the yere next folowyng, by them to be diſtributed, as is aforeſayde.

And for the better execution of this Acte, bee it alſo enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayd, that it may and ſhalbe lawfull to and for euery perſon and perſons, whiche hereafter will trauell for the takyng of Crowes, Rookes, Chaughes, and other the vermyn aboueſayde, to enter for the ſame purpoſe and intent into any place therfore meete and conuenient, with the conſent of the owner or occupier of the ſame, and there to vſe ſuch nettes, engins, and other reaſonable deuiſes, as are meete and conuenient for the takyng and deſtruction of ſuch vermyn (handgunnes and croſbowes excepted) and ſhall take and haue all ſuche Crowes, Chaughes, Rookes, and other vermyn to his and theyr owne vſes. And if the ſaide Churchwardens, and ſix perſons of any pariſhe or pariſhes, ſo required by the Churchwardens, as is aforeſaid, or the perſons elected for diſtributours, or any of them, ſhall refuſe or make default in the execution of this Act, or any part therof, contrary to the fourme aforeſaid: then euery ſuche perſon ſhall forfayte for euery ſuche default, fiue poundes, the one moitie thereof, to be to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres and ſucceſſours, and the other moitie therof, to him or them, vſing tillage yerely within the ſame Shire, that ſhall ſue for the ſame in any court of recorde of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres and ſucceſſours, by action, debt, or byll of information, wherein the defendaunt or defendauntes ſhall haue no protection, eſſoigne, or wager of lawe alowed or admitted.

Prouided alwaies, & be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforeſaid, that this Act or any braunch therin contayned, ſhal not in any wiſe

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ertende to geue any libertie or aucthoritie to any perſon or perſons to vſe or exercile any meane or engyn, for the deſtruction of Crowes or Rookes, Chaughes, or other the vermyn aforeſayde, in any place or places, to the diſturbaunce, let, or deſtruction of the buyldyng or breedyng of any kynde of Hawkes, Herons, Egryts, Paupers, Swannes, or Shouelers, or to the hurt or deſtructiō of any Doues douehouſes, Deere, or warren of Conies: Any thyng in this Acte to the contrary conteyned, notwithſtandyng.

And be it further prouyded, that this Acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, ſhall not extende to geue or appoynte any ſumme or ſummes of money, to be geuen, payde, or diſtributed, to any perſon or perſons, for the head or heades of any Buſarde, Ringtayle, Perne, Polcatte, Fytchewe, or Stote, taken in any parke, warren, or grounde, employed to the mayntenaunce of any game of Conies, or to any Stares taken in douehouſes, nor to the kyllyng or bryngyng the head of any Kyte or Rauen, killed in any Citie or Towne corporate, or within two myles of the ſame. This Acte to continue to the ende of the next Parliament.

¶ An Act that in diuers Counties, there ſhalbe but one Sheriffe in one Countie.

The .xvj. Chaper.

Here as the Counties and Shyres of Surrey and Suſſex, Eſſex and Hertforde, Somerſet, and Dorſet, warwycke and Leyceſter, Nottyngham and Derby, Oxon and Barks, of long time haue had but one Sheryffe, to ſerue for two of the ſayde Counties, that is to ſaye, one for Surrey and Suſſex, and one other for Eſſex and Hertford, and one other for Somerſet and Dorſet, and one other for warwycke and Leyceſter, and one other for Nottingham and Derby, and one other for Oxon and Barks. The occaſion whereof in the begynnyng (as it ſhoulde ſeeme) was, for that euery of the ſayde ſeuerall Counties, were not then ſo well inhabited with gentlemen of good abilitie, to ſerue in

the sayde office, as (thankes be to God) they be at this present. And forsomuch as the seruice and charges of that office of Sherifwyke of the sayde Counties, is more then in tymes past it hath ben, and is nowe commonly greater then one Sheriffe is able to serue and supplie: Therefore such gentlemen as do dwell in the sayde seuerall Counties, are very desirous to haue for euerye of the sayde Counties, one Sheriffe to be yerely made and appoynted for the same. And that for the hauyng of seuerall Sheriffes accordynglye, can not be hurtfull to any, but thereby maye growe some ease of charges and trouble to such as shall hereafter be appoynted to such office, and also the sayde office better serued and executed, then heretofore hath ben.

Be it therfore enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, her heyres and successours, Kynges or Queenes of this Realme, shall and maye from and after the first day of Nouember, which shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousande, fyue hundred, threescore and seuen, yerely chose and make for euery of the sayd Counties before named, one sufficient and able person, to be Sheriffe of the same, in such lyke maner and fourme, as is and hath ben vsed to be chosen, made, and done for any other Countie or Shire within this Realme: any lawe, custome, or vsage, heretofore had or vsed, to the contrary thereof, notwithstandyng. And that euery person, which after the sayde first day of Nouember shalbe made and appointed Sheriffe, for any of the said counties, shable accomptable and vsed in the order of his accompte, and al other thinges, and allowaunce to hym to be made, in the court of Exchequer, and all other courtes and places, in such maner and fourme, as is commonly vsed for Sheriffes in like cases.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that the Barons of the Queenes hyghnes, her heyres and successours, of the court of Exchequer, for the tyme beyng, callyng vnto them aswell her or theyr graces officers of remembrauncer, and the Treasourers remembrauncer, together with the Clarke of the pype of the same court, as also the seuerall Sheriffes, the which next after the sayde first day of Nouember, shalbe by her hyghnes, her heyres and successours, constituted, named, and appoynted, of euery of the sayde seuerall Counties of Surrey and Sussex, Essex, and Hertforde, Somerset, and Dorset, Warwycke, and Leycester, Nottinham and Derby, Oxon and Barks, shall haue by vertue of this Acte of Parliament, full power and aucthoritie, to seuer and deuide by the discretion and iudgement of the sayde Barons, all and singuler the proffers of the sayde Counties of Surrey and Sussex, Essex and Hertforde, Somerset and Dorset, Warwycke and Leycester, Nottingham and Derby, Oxon and Barks.

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The which sayde seueraunce and deuision of the sayd proffers, shalbe entred of recorde in the sayde court of Exchequer, and shalbe finall and perpetuall, duryng so long tyme as this present Acte of Parliament shall endure and haue continuaunce.

And it is further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that in suche and the same maner and fourme as the sayde proffers shalbe deuided, euen so the tayle of rewarde of euery of the foresayd Counties, where any tayle of rewarde hereafter shalbe taken, shalbe seuered and deuided in maner and fourme aforesayde.

And be it lykewyse further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Barons, for the time being, of the Queenes highnes sayde court of Exchequer, and of her heires and successours, callyng vnto them the sayde officers of the Treasourers remembrauncer, and the Clarke of the pype, shall haue full power and aucthoritie from tyme to tyme, to take order and appoyntment for the true and speedye payment and contentation of suche creation money, fees, and annuities, and all other summes of money as haue ben accustomed to haue ben payd, or of ryght ought to haue ben payd to any person or persons, by the handes of the sayde seueral Shiriffes. And that such order, direction, and appoyntment, so made, hadde, and taken by the sayde Barons, in maner and fourme laste before recited, shalbe obserued, perfourmed, fulfylled, and kepte yerely aswell by both the Shireffes of the said seuerall counties of Surrey and Sussex, for the tyme beyng, as by the sayde seuerall Shireffes for the tyme beyng, of the sayde Counties of Essex and Hertford, & of Somerset and Dorset, and of Warwicke and Leycester, and of Nottyngham and Derby, and of Oxon & Barks: Any vsage, lawe, or custome, to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that no Shireffe hereafter to be chosen and made of any one of the sayde Counties in this Acte mentioned, shall pay in any court of recorde, for any duetie, belongyng properly to the office of Shireffe, any other fees or charges, then onely the one halfe of the charges and fees, which he shoulde be compelled to haue payed, yf he had ben Shireffe of two of the said Shires and Counties, as before the makyng of this Acte was vsed: Any lawe, vsage, or custome to the contrary notwithstandyng.

This Acte to continue and endure vnto the ende of three whole yeres, to be accompted from the feast of all Sainctes, in the yere of our Lorde God, M.D.LXVII. and from thence, to the ende of the next Parliament then next folowyng the ende of the sayde three yeres.

ANNO OCTAVO.

An Acte for confirmation of a Subsidie graunted by the Cleargie.

The .xvij. Chaper.

Here the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterburye, haue louyngly and liberally for certayne consideracions, geuen & graũted to the Queenes Maiestie, a Subsidy of foure shillings of the pounde, to be taken and leuied of all and singuler theyr promotions spirituall within the same prouince, durying the terme of three yeres nowe nexte ensuyng, in suche certaine maner and fourme, and with suche exceptions and prouisions, as be specified and conteyned in a certayne instrumente, by them thereof made, and delyuered to the Queenes hyghnesse, vnder the seale of the moste reuerende father in God, Matthewe, nowe Archbyshop of Canterburye, and Primate of all Englande: whiche instrument is nowe exhibited in this present Parliament to be ratified. The tenour whereof, ensueth in these wordes.

The Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterburye, beyng lawfully congregated and assembled together in a conuocation or Synode, callyng to theyr remembraunce the greate and manyfolde benefites, whiche they haue manye and sundry wayes receaued of your Maiesties moste gracious bountifulnes, principally for the settyng forth, and aduauncyng of Goddes holye worde, his sincere and true religion, and abolyshyng all forrayne power, contrarye to the same. Considerying also the great debtes, wherewith the imperiall Crowne of this Realme was charged, when it pleased almyghtie God first to call your hyghnesse to the gouernaunce of the same. And further, wayghyng the great charges, wherwith your Maiestie both dayly ben, and is lyke to be burthened hereafter, for the defendyng and preseruyng your hyghnesse Realme, and naturall subiectes in christian peace, tranquilitie, and safetie.

In consideration therof, and for a true declaration of our bounden dueties, good heartes, and myndes towardes your Maiestie, with

with one vniforme agreement, accorde, and consent together, with moste hartie good wyll, haue geuen and graunted, and by these presentes do geue and graunte, to your hyghnes, your heyres and successours, one Subsidie, in maner and fourme folowyng.

That is saye: That euery Archbyshop, Byshop, Deane, Archdeacon, Prouost, Maister of Colledge, Prebendary, Parson, Vycar, and euery other person and persons, of whatsoeuer name or degree he or they be, within the prouynce of Canterburye, enioying anye spirituall promotion or other temporall possessions, to the same spirituall promotion annexed, nowe not deuided nor seperated by Acte of Parliament, or otherwise, from the possession of the Cleargie: shall paye to your highnes, your heyres and successours, for euery pounde that he maye yerely dispende by reason of the said spirituall promotion, the summe of foure shillynges. And for the true and certayne value of all the promotions, and euery of them, wherof the payment of this Subsidye shalbe made; the rate, taration, valuation, and estimation, nowe remaynyng of recorde in your Maiesties court of Exchequer, for the payment of the perpetuall disme or tenthe, graunted to your Maiesties moste noble father, in the. xxvi. yere of his raigne, concernyng suche promotions as nowe be in possession of the Cleargie, or of any other, not deuyded by any Acte of Parliament, or otherwyse alienated from the possession of the Cleargie, shall onely be folowed and obserued, without making any valuation, rate, taration, or estimation, other then in the sayde recorde is nowe comprysed.

Prouided alwayes, that forasmuche as the tenth part of the said rate and valuation before mentioned, is yerely payde to your hyghnesse for the said perpetuall disme, so as there remaineth onely nyne partes, to the incumbent clere: This Subsidye of foure shyllynges the pounde, shalbe vnderstanded and meant of euery pounde onelye of the sayde nyne partes, and of no more.

Prouided alwayes, that no person that is alredy promoted to any spirituall benefice or promotion, within the. xxiiii. day of Maye last past, or that hereafter shalbe promoted to any spiritual benefice or promotion, on this side the. xxiiii. daye of Maye, whiche shalbe in the yere of oure Lorde God, a thousand, fyue hundred, threescore and nyne, by reason whereof he is, shall or maye be charged to the payement of the first fruites for the sayde promotion, shalbe contributorie or charged for the same to your highnes, your heyres or successours, with any parte of this Subsidye, duryng the fyrst yere after the acceptaunce of his said promotion.

And your sayde Prelates and Cleargie also do graunt, that this Subsidy of. iiii. s. the pounde, of the nyne partes of the yerely value of euery promotion spirituall aforesayde, within the said prouince,

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tared, as is aforesaid, shalbe paide to your Maiestie, your heyres and successours, within three yeres next ensuing the date hereof, in maner and fourme following. That is to saye, sixteene pence of euerye pound aforesayd, in euery of the said three yeres. The first payment thereof, to be due at the. xxiiii. daye of Maye next ensuyng, whyche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand, fiue hundred, threescore and seuen. And the second payment thereof, to be due at the xxiiii. day of Maye then next following, whyche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand, fyue hundred, threescore and eight. And the thyrde payment therof, to be due the. xxiiii. day of Maye, whyche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde, a thousand, fyue hundred, threescore and nyne: To be deliuered and payde yerely by suche person and persons, as in this present graunte shall be appoynted to haue the collection thereof, to the Lorde hygh Treasourer or vnder Treasourer of England, for the tyme beyng, or to suche other person or persons, and in suche place or places, as it shall please your hyghnes to appoynte, to be payde at or before the laste daye of October, in euery of the said three yeres, without paying any thing to the receauer or to any other officers or persons, to be alligned for the receipt therof, for any acquittaunce or other discharge vpon anye suche payment and receipte of the sayde Subsidye, or any part thereof to be geuen and delyuered, but onely foure pence, and that to the Clearke, for the writing of euery of the same acquittaūces, or discharge, for euery of the same paymentes.

Item your sayde graces Prelates and Cleargie also do graunte, that euery Priest, and all other Ecclesiasticall persons, hauing any pension by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colleges, Freechappels, Chauntries, Fraternities, Guildes, and Hospitals, or of any spirituall dignitie or corporation, nowe dissolued within the sayde prouynce of Canterbury, shall lykewyse paye to your hyghnes, your heyres and successours, foure shyllyngs of euery pounde of the sayde pensions, within the sayde three yeres, at suche dayes and tymes, as are before specified. And that for the sure payment thereof, deductiō and retention of the sayde foure shyllynges shall be made yerely in the handes of the payers of the sayde pensions, after the rate and proportion of sixteene pence the pound euery of the sayde three yeres, to be delyuered and payde by your hyghnes receauers and officers, deputed for the payment of suche pensions, vnto your Maiesties vse, at suche tyme and to such persons, as the Subsidye of foure shyllynges the pounde aforesayde, shalbe payde vnto.

Item your sayde Prelates and Cleargie do graunte, that euerye Priest or Minister stipendarie, receauing an annuall stipende, being no perpetuitie, of fyue poundes. xiii. s. iiii. d. or aboue, within the

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ſayde prouince, ſhall paye vnto the vſe of your hyghnes, your heires and ſucceſſours, fiue ſhyllynges and eyght pence, in euery of the ſaid three yeres, at ſuche tyme, and to ſuche perſons, as the ſayde Subſidye ſhalbe payde. And for defaulte of payment of the ſayde ſtipendaries, that euery Parſon, vicar, or other ſpirituall or temporall perſon, proprietarie, or farmer, hyryng any Prieſt or Miniſter, to ſerue in any place, ſhalbe aunſwerable and charged for and with the payment of the ſaid. vi. s. viii. d. for the ſayd Prieſt or Miniſter, euery of the ſayde three yeres, and ſhall and may make retention of his and theyr wages, quarterly, of ſo much as the ſayd ſtipendaries be charged with, by this preſent graunt, euery of the ſayde three yeres.

Item your ſayd Prelates and Cleargie further do graunte, that euery Archbyſhop and Byſhop, and the See beyng voyde, euery Deane and Chaptour of that See voyde, ſhalbe Collectours of this Subſidye within their proper dioces, duryng the ſayde three yeres, other then of the penſioners aforeſayde. And the ſayde Archbyſhop, Byſhop, or the See being voyde, the Deane and Chaptour, ſhal certifie into your Maieſties court of Exthequer, vnder their ſeales, the names & ſurnames of all ſuch ſtipendarie Prieſtes and Miniſters within their dioces, as be chargeable by this Acte, before the ſayde laſt day of October, yerely duryng the ſayde three yeres.

And your ſayde Prelates and Cleargie do moſte humbly beſeche your Maieſtie, that it maye be enacted by your ſayde Maieſtie, and your hygh Courte of Parliament (for the ſpeedy payment of the ſayde Subſidie, and to auoyde delayes thereof) that when and as often as any Collectour or Collectours chargeable with the collection of this Subſidie, or of any part thereof, or the deputie or deputies of any of them, ſhall offer the payment thereof, or of any parte therof, to the vſe of your Maieſtie, your heyres or ſucceſſours, to any perſon or perſons, appoynted to receaue the ſame by your hyghnes, or by the ſayd Lorde hygh Treaſourer or Subtreaſourer: that the ſayde perſon or perſons ſo appointed, ſhall within foure dayes next after ſuch appointment, receaue or cauſe to be receaued, the money ſo offered to be payde, without any further delay: And ſhall deliuer one ſufficient bil, teſtifying the receipt therof, to the ſaid Collectour or his deputie, vpon euery ſuch particuler payment. And that euery ſuch auditour as is or ſhal be appointed to take or receaue thaccõpt of any ſuche Collectour or Collectours, ſhall within fiue dayes next after requeſt to hym to be made, truely & indifferently take the ſaid accompte, and make allowance, as by this graunt is appoynted, vpon payne that euery ſuch perſon & perſons, appointed to receaue the ſumme or ſummes ſo offered, and euery ſuch auditour, ſhal loſe and forfayte for euery defaulte or delay to be made, to the ſayde Collectour or Collectours, ſo offeryng to make payment or accompte,

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as is aforesaide, the summe of tenne poundes, of lawfull money of England, the one moitie therof, to be to your Maiestie, your heyres, and successours, and the other moitie to the saide Collectour or Collectours so greeued, the same to be payde vpon complainte made to the saide Lorde Treasourer, vnder Treasourer, or to the Lord chiefe Baron of your Maiesties court of Exchequer, who vpon such complainte, shall presently examine the matter, and fyndyng defaulte, shall commit the offender to warde, there to remaine vntyll he shall haue payde the sayde seuerall summes so forfayted.

And for the better leuying and recoueryng of the said Subsidy, your sayde Prelates and Cleargie do likewyse moste humbly besech your hyghnes, that it may be enacted by your Maiestie, and your sayde hygh court of Parliament, in maner and fourme folowynge. That is to saye: That euery Collectour of the sayde Subsidye, and of euery parte and parcell thereof, and their lawfull deputie or deputies, maye haue full power and aucthoritie, to vse al such wayes and meanes, and processe, as be prescribed in the Acte of perpetuall disme, for the collection and leuying of the same, and maye make accompte thereof, before the Lorde hygh Treasourer or vnder Treasourer of Englande, for the time being, or any other officers by your highnes, or your court of Exchequer, to be appointed for the same, and in suche place, as your Maiestie lykewyse shall assigne, in suche wyse, and after suche fourme onely, as the sayde Archbyshops and Bishops be nowe charged to make accompte for the said perpetuall disme or tenthe, wherby is meant, that the lacke and default of paiment of and for any particuler promotion or promotions, shall only charge the incumbent or incumbents, and such others as be bound to pay the same. And that the Archbyshop, Byshop, Deane, and Chapitour, gatheryng that whiche they can receaue, and makyng payment thereof, shall for the rest, not by them receaued, be discharged by their certificat, to be made before the last daye of October in euery of the sayde three yeres, vnto your highnes courte of Exchequer: And that sixe pence of euery pounde, wherewith the Collectour shall be charged in his accompte, clearely to be payde into the receipte of your Maiesties Exchequer, or into such other place, as shall please your highnes to appoynte, shalbe allowed to the sayde Collectour vppon his accompte for the same, in euery of the sayde three yeres, for the charges of collection, portage, safe conueying, & paying of the same Subsidie.

And moreouer, that it maye be enacted lykewyse, that after any payment of the sayde Subsidye shall be once due by vertue of this graunte, in any of the sayde three yeres, if any incumbent of any benefice or promotion spirituall, charged to the payment of the same Subsidye, beyng at any tyme, after that the same paymente

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ſhalbe due, lawfully monished, eyther personally, or at his Dignitie, Stall, Churche, or Mansion house, by the Archbyshop or Byshop of the dioces, or their deputie or deputies, or the Deane and Chaptour, the See beyng voyde, or by any their deputie or deputies, aucthorised in that behalfe, to appeare by hym selfe or his deputie, at a certayne day or place of conuenient distaunce, to the sayde incumbent then to be signified and prefixed, then and there to pay suche part of the sayde Subsidie, for his benefice or promotion spirituall, as then by vertue of this graunt shalbe due: do not eyther at the same day and place so to hym signified and prefixed, truely content and paye, or cause to be contented and payde, the same part of the sayde Subsidie, whiche then by hym shalbe due to be payde, vnto the same Archbyshop, or Byshop, or to theyr deputie or deputies, or to the Deane and Chaptour of any See beyng voyde, or to theyr deputie or deputies, or to one of them, shewyng sufficient deputation from the sayde Archbyshop, Byshop, or Deane and Chaptour, vnder his or their seale in that behalfe, beyng redye at the same day and place so signified and prefixed, to receaue the sayde Subsidie then due, and openly demaundyng the same, or els paye the same within fourtie dayes next after any suche prefixed daye at the furthest (so that open demaunde be made of the sayde Subsidie, in and at the sayde place and day before prefixed:) that then euery Incumbent so makyng default of payment, of his parte of the sayde Subsidie, in any of the sayde three yeres, after suche default thereof certified into your Maiesties Exchequer, in wrytyng vnder the seale and hande wrytyng of any Archbyshop or Byshop, or of the Deane and Chaptour, the See beyng voyde, charged with the collection of the same Subsidie, so that the sayde certificat shalbe made accordyng to the fourme hereafter expressed, and exhibited into your Maiestie sayde Court of Exchequer, before the laste daye of October, in euery of the sayde three yeres: shall forfayte and lose that onlye dignitie, benefice, and promotion spirituall, by what name soeuer it be called, for whiche he maketh suche defaulte of payment, and whereof suche certificat shalbe made, and shalbe thereof depryued ipso facto. And the sayde promotion from and after the daye of the delyuerye of the sayde certificat, into your hyghnesse Court of Exchequer, shalbe clearely voyde and destitute of Incumbent, in the lawe, to all intentes and purposes, as yf suche Incumbent, makyng such default of payment, were dead in deede. And that euery certificat of any suche defaulte of payment, shalbe made accordyng to the tenour and effect ensuyng mutatis mutandis.

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Honorabilibus & egregiis viris, Domino Theſaurario, & Baronibus de Scaccario illuſtriſſimæ dominæ noſtræ, dominæ Elizabeth, Dei gratia, Angliæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ Reginæ, fidei defenſoris, &c. veſter humilis E. permiſſione diuina. L. Epiſcopus, authoritate, & vigore cuiuſdam actus Parliamenti, anno regni dictæ dominæ reginæ octauo editi, & prouiſi, ad colligendum & leuandum ſubſidium eidem dominæ reginæ, in eodem Parliamento per Prelatos & Clerum Cantuarienſis prouinciæ conceſſum, videlicet, pro prima ſolutione inde ſoluenda. xxiiii. die Maij, vltimo præterito, infra diocœſim noſtram. L. deputatus, & authorizatus omnimodam reuerentiam tantis viris debitam cum honore. Veſtris reuerentiis harum ſerie annuntio, & certifico me præfatum Epiſcopum, modo quo præfertur, deputatum & authorizatum, ſufficienter, & cum omni diligentia requiſiſſe per N. O. deputatum meum in hac parte, de quocunque beneficio & promotione eccleſiaſtica, in quadam ſchedula præſentibus annexa ſpecificatis, ſummas dicti ſubſidii pro dictis beneficiis, & promotionibus debitas, pro prima ſolutione dicti ſubſidii debiti ſoluendi dicto viceſimo quarto die Maii, vltimo præterito, prout in eadem ſchedula præſentibus annexa plenius liquet, & apparet. Sed dictas ſummas ex cauſis in eadem ſchedula allegatis recipere non potui. In cuius rei teſtimonium ſigillum meum præſentibus apponi feci. Datum decimo die Anno domini milleſimo, quingenteſimo ſexageſimo ſeptimo. **The tourme of whiche ſchedule aboue mentioned, enſueth,** videlicet:

Vicaria de M. Decanatus de A. B Vicarius ibidem monitus fuit apud M. prædictam, die vltimo præterito per E. D. deputatum meum, ad ſoluendum apud Eccleſiam de L. in comitatu E. die tunc proximè ſequente illam partẽ Subſidij per ſe debitam. xxiiij. die Maij vltimo præterito pro promotione ſua prædicta. Sed prædictus A. B. nec apud Eccleſiam de L. prædictam, eodem die nec alibi per quadraginta dies poſtea, ſummam per ſe debitam, vt præfertur, non ſoluit nec ſatisfecit: neque dictam ſummam de proficuis dictæ promotionis, nec debonis & catallis dicti A. B. aliquo modo leuare ſiue recipere potui.

Prouided alwayes, that yf any perſon or incumbent chargeable by this Acte or graunt to any payment of this Subſidie, ſhall proffer or tender payment of any ſumme due to the Archbyſhop or Byſhop, or to the Deane and Chaptour where the ſee is voyde, or to any deputie or deputies of any Archbyſhop, Byſhop, or Deane and Chaptour aforeſayde, at any tyme before the certificat exhibited into the Exchequer, as is aforeſayde, that then notwithſtandyng the certificat made, as is aforeſayde, againſt any ſuche perſon, the ſayde incumbent or perſon, againſt whom the certificat was ſo made, ſhall and may auer the offer or tender of his payment, as is aforeſayde. And yf the ſame ſhalbe tryed, eyther by ſufficient

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wytnesses before the Lorde Treasourer, or Barons of the Exchequer, or by the triall of twelue men, vppon an issue there vppon to be ioyned betwixt the same incumbente, or any other person or persons, that he or any for hym dyd offer or tender the payemente of the summe due, as is aforesaide: That then euerye suche incumbente shall haue and enioye his promotion or promotions styll, as though no certificat of defaulte of suche payment hadde ben made, or exhybited: Any thyng in this graunt or Acte to the contrarye, notwithstandyng.

And further, that it maye be enacted lykewyse, that euery Archbyshop, and Byshop, and Deane and Chaptour of euery See vacant, and other persons chargeable to and with the collection of the sayde Subsidye of foure shyllyng the pounde, within the sayde prouince of Canterbury, shall and maye haue vppon euery payment of the same Subsidye, made to the Lorde hygh Treasourer or vndertreasourer of Englande, for the tyme beyng, or to suche other person or persons, in place and places, to whom and where it shall please your highnes, or your court of Exchequer, to appointe for the receipte thereof, in euery of the sayde three yeres, a sufficient acquittaunce, discharge, or quietus est in wrytyng of the sayde Lorde hygh Treasourer, or vndertreasourer, or of suche other person or persons, as eyther your hyghnes or your sayde court of Exchequer shall assigne, for the receipte thereof, or as heretofore in lyke cases it hath ben accustomed, the same acquittaunce, discharge, or quietus est, wytnessyng the receipte of as muche of the same summe of the sayde Subsidye, as shalbe so receaued. And that euery suche acquittaunce, discharge, or quietus est, in wrytyng, sealed or subscribed with the name or names of the sayde Lorde hygh Treasourer, or vndertreasourer, for the tyme beyng, or of suche Auditour, or other person or persons, as it shall please your hyghnes, or your sayde court of Exchequer, to appoynte for the same receipte, or of suche others, as heretofore in lyke cases it hath ben vsed, shall and maye bee good and effectuall in the lawe, and be also as sufficient discharge to all and euerye of the sayde Collectours, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as yf the same were made by Acte of Parliament. And that euery of the saide Collectours shall pay but onely three shyllings and foure pence, for euery generall and finall acquittaunce, discharge, or quietus est, for euery yeres payment of the saide Subsidye. And also that euery particuler acquittaunce, whiche vppon payment of any parte of the saide Subsidye, shall be made by any Collectour or Collectours of the same Subsidye, or of anye

payment thereof, or by hys or their deputie or deputies in that behalfe, to any incumbent of any benefice or promotion spirituall, or to any other person or persons, contributorye and chargeable to or with the same Subsidye, or any parte or payment thereof, shall be good and effectuall in the lawe, and a full and sufficient discharge, to euery such incumbent, and other person, and his benefice or promotion spirituall, of and for all such summe and summes of mony, as by the same acquittaunce shall be acknowleged, to be receaued, in respecte of the same benefice or promotion spirituall, for anye payment or part of the same Subsidye. And that none acquittaūce of any person or persons, made before suche certificat, shall in anye wyse discharge anye person or promotion, for anye parte of this Subsidye, nor of any payne, penaltie, or forfayture, specified in this graunte.

And to the intent, it maye be knowen to the court of the Exchequer, who be the deputie or deputies of euery such Archbyshop, Byshop, or Deane and Chaptour, able to make acquittaunce: Euerye Archbyshop, Byshop, and Deane and Chaptour of any See beyng beyde, shall yearely with the certificate of the names of stipendarie Priestes, certifie the name and names of euery the deputies, to be appointed, as is aforesaide.

Prouided alwaies, that no spirituall promotions, or any lands, possessions, or reuenues annexed to the same, being charged by this graunte of the prouince of Canterbury, or any goodes or cattelles, growyng, beyng, or renuyng vppon the same, or els where, appertaynyng to the owners of the saide spirituall promotions, or of any of them, shalbe charged or made contributorie, to any fifteenth or tenth, or any other Subsidye, already graunted to your highnes by the laytie, or hereafter to be graunted, duryng the tearme of the saide three yeres.

Prouided also, that all Deanes, Archdeacons, Dignities, Maisters, Wardens, and Prebendaries, of all Cathedrall and Collegiate Churches, and Colleges, or of anye of them, within the saide prouince, shalbe charged with this Subsidie for those possessions, reuenues, and portions onely, whiche to their seuerall promotions, Dignities, and Romes, are clerely and distinctly limitted, and to theyr owne onely vses seuered, thereof to paye the tenthe part, beyng deducted foure shyllynges of euery pounde, within the sayde three yeres, in maner and fourme as is aboue rehearsed. And that al those rentes, possessions, profites, portions, hereditamentes, and spirituall promotions, and euery of them, heretofore by your highnes, or any your Maiesties noble progenitours, or any other

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perſon or perſons whatſoeuer, geuen, graunted, bequeathed, deuiſed, or imployed vnto the ſayd Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colleges, or to any of them, whiche any wayes be aſſigned or vſed, eyther for or towardes the yerely maintenaunce of poore men, Schoolemaiſters, Vſhers, Gramarians, Peticanons, Vicars, Chorall readers of diuinitie, ſinging men, Choriſters, Vergers, or of any other neceſſarie and dayly officers or miniſters, in ſuch Cathedrall and Collegiate Churches or Colleges, or any of them, or for or towardes the reedifiyng or repayryng of any of the ſame Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colleges, commonly named ad fabricam Eccleſiæ, ſhall not be charged with any part of this Subſidye. The certaintie of which portions, aſwell chargeable to this Subſidye, as not chargeable in this behalfe, the Archbyſhop or Byſhop of the dioces, or the See beyng voyde, the Deane and Chaptour, vpon due ſearche and examination, ſhall certifie vnder his or their ſeale, into your hyghnes ſayde court of Exchequer, before the ſayde laſt day of October, in euery of the ſayde three yeres.

Prouided alwayes, that euery Parſon, Vicar, or other ſpirituall perſon, paying any penſion, whereof none alowaunce is made in the valuation of his promotion or benefice, ſhall and may reteyne ſixteene pence of euery pounde, of euery ſuche penſion euery yere, duryng the ſayde three yeres, to his owne reliefe, in conſideration that he is charged to pay this Subſidye of foure ſhyllynges the pounde, out of euery pounde of the whole value of his promotion.

Prouided alſo, and your ſayde Prelates and Cleargie do moſte humblye beſeche your hyghnes, that it may be enacted by your Maieſties auctoritie, and your hygh Court of Parliament, that where certayne landes, tenementes, rentes, ſpirituall promotions, tythes, penſions, portions, fruites, and other hereditamentes, lately belongyng to diuers Cathedrall Churches, and to other places and perſons Eccleſiaſticall, within the ſayde prouince of Canterbury, whiche were geuen and aſſigned, to be beſtowed and ſpent to and on the fyndyng and maintaynyng of certayne Chauntries, Anniuerſaries, Obites, Lyghtes, Lampes, and other lyke charges, intentes, and purpoſes, of late came into the handes and poſſeſſion of the late Kyng of famous memorie Edwarde the ſixte, by force of a Statute thereof made in the firſte yere of his late raigne, as by the ſayde eſtatute more playnely appeareth: That the ſayde Cathedrall Churches, and the Byſhops, Deanes, or Preſidenters and Chaptours of the ſame, and all other places and perſons, or any of them, to whom the ſayde landes, rentes, and all other the premiſſes or any of them, dyd lately appertayne: ſhall not duryng the ſayde three yeres, be charged to and with any payment of Subſidye, of and for that part or portion of lands, tenementes, rentes, ſpirituall

promotions and other hereditamentes, or any of them, wherevnto the sayde late kyng by force of the sayde statute was intituled or possessed of, nor of, or for any yerely rentes or paymentes, goyng out or due to be payde vnto your Maiestie, out of the premisses, nor any part therof: But only of and for al and singuler landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, tithes, pensions, portions, fruites, and other hereditamentes, whiche do yet styll remayne not disseuered from the handes and possession of the sayde Cathedrall Churches, and other the places and persons Ecclesiasticall aforesayde. And that deduction and alowaunce thereof be made to them, and euery of them, accordyngly, in and vppon euery payment of this sayde Subsidye, out of the whole value, taration, and estimation, made for the payment of the sayde perpetuall disme or tenthe, remaynyng of recorde in your hyghnes court of Exchequer, for that rate and portion of landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, and other hereditamentes, and for those yerely paymentes, wherevnto the sayde late kyng was intituled or possessed of, or whiche otherwyse haue ben seuered from the possessions of the sayde Cathedrall Churches, and other places and persons aforesayde, by force of the statute premised: The same Acte, or any other Acte or Actes whatsoeuer, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that this Subsidye graunted by the Cleargie, shall not be demaunded or leuied out of any benefice, house of studentes, or College, scituate or set within eyther of the vniuersities of Oxforde and Cambridge, or of any other benefice or other reuenues vnto the sayde houses or Colleges in the sayde vniuersities, or in eyther of them, or to any house of Studentes or College in any of the same vniuersities, vnited, appropried, or appertaynyng, or of the Colleges of Wyndsor, or Eaton nygh Wyndsor, or of the College called Saint Marie College by Wynchester, founded by Wylliam Wickham, sometyme Bysshop of Wynchester, or of any Hospitalles, or Grammer Schooles, or of any other Churche, benefice, or other reuenues, to the sayde vniuersities, Houses, Colleges, Hospitalles, Almes houses, Almes halles, or Grammer Schooles, or to any of them, annexed, appropriated, or otherwyse appertaynyng.

Prouided alwayes, that all Parsons, Vicars, and other Ecclesiasticall persons, whose benefices be not aboue fyre poundes, thyrteene shyllynges, & foure pence, by yere, after the taration aforesayde, shall not be charged with this Subsidy, or any part thereof.

Prouided also, that euery Vicar, whose benefice is aboue fyre pounds, thirteene shyllynges, and fourepence, and not aboue tenne poundes by yere, after the taration aforesayde, shall pay euery

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yere of the saide three yeres, onely sixe shyllyngs eyght pence for his part of the said Subsidie, as stipendarie Priestes be charged to pay, by force of this graunt, and not otherwise.

Prouided also, that euery Priest, and all other Ecclesiasticall or late religious persons, hauyng a pension by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colleges, Freechappels, Chauntries, Fraternities, Guildes, and Hospitalles, or any other incorporatiõs within the prouince of Canterburye, or any of them, and beyng of the summe of fourtie shyllynges, or vnder, and not aboue, shall not be charged or chargeable for any suche pension: Any thyng conteyned in this graunt to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And for the sure and true payment of this Subsidie, graunted by your sayde Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterburye, accordynge to the tenour, purporte, effecte, and true meanynge of this presente graunte: Your sayde Prelates and Cleargye, moste humblye desyre your highnes, that this their sayde gyfte, graunte, and Subsidie, and euery matter, summe of money, petition, clause, prouisions, and sentences in this instrument conteyned, concernynge the sayde Subsidie, may be ratified, establyshed, and confyrmed, by the auctoritie of youre hyghnesse courte of Parliament.

Wherefore for the true and sure payment of the sayde Subsidie, graunted by the sayde Prelates and Cleargie of the sayde prouynce of Canterburye, accordynge to the tenoure, effecte, and true meaninge of the saide instrument: Be it enacted by the Queenes Maiestie, wyth the assent of the Lordes spirituall or temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that the sayde gyft and graunt, and euery matter, summe of mony, petition, prouision, clause and sentence in the said instrument conteyned, shall stande and be ratified, established, and confirmed, by the auctoritie of this present Parliament.

And furthermore, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that euerye person that shall be appoynted to the collection and gatheryng of the sayde Subsidye, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to leuie, take, and perceaue the same Subsidie, by the auctoritie of the Censures of the Churche: That is to saye, by suspension excommunication, or interdiction, and also by sequestration of the fruites and profites of their benefices and promotions spirituall, in whose handes soeuer they bee, and to make sale of the same fruites, without danger of the lawes of this Realme, or by distresse vppon the possession of the farmours or occupiers of the landes and tenements, chargeable by the said instrument, for or to the paiment of any summe or summes of money, to be due by force thereof, or

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otherwyſe, by the diſcretion of the Collectour thereof. And that no repleuie, prohibicion, or ſuperſedeas ſhalbe alowed or obeyed for any perſon or perſons, makyng defaulte of payment of the ſayde Subſidie, contrarye to the tenoure of the graunt thereof, vntyll ſuche tyme as thei haue truely ſatiſfied and contented all ſuch part and portions, as to them in that behalfe appertaineth. And that euerie ſuche farmour and farmours, their executours and aſſignes, that ſhall fortune hereafter to be charged, to and wyth the payment of the ſaide Subſidie, or any part thereof, ſhall by the auctho-ritie aforeſayde, be alowed and retayne in hys handes, as muche of his yerely rente and farme, as the ſumme whiche he ſhall fortune to paye for his Lorde or Leaſſour, ſhall extende vnto, excepte the ſayde farmour or farmours, their executours and aſſignes, by the leaſſe and graunte that they haue of any part of the landes, tithes, profites, and tenementes, chargeable to this ſaide Subſidye, or by force of any couenaunt or article therein contayned, be bounden and charged to paye the ſame, and thereof to diſcharge their Leaſ-ſour and Landlorde, durynge the tearme mentioned in the ſayde leaſſe.

And lykewyſe be it enacted by the auctho-ritie of this preſente Parliament, that where diuers Curates, liable to this Subſidye, beyng oftentymes remoueable, do ſerue alwel in diuers impropria-tions, belongyng to the Queenes Maieſtie, as in other impropria-tions, and in other ſpirituall promotions, belonginge to other per-ſons, that for the ſpeedye recouerye of the ſayde Subſidye it maye be lawfull to the Collectour or Collectours of the ſaide Subſidie, their deputie or deputies, to leuie the ſaide Subſidie vppon the farmour and farmours, or occuppyers of all ſuche impropriations and ſpirituall promotions, by all cenſures of the Church aforeſaid, and euerye of them, or by waye of diſtreſſe, of the tythes of the ſaide impropriation or impropriations, and ſpirituall promotions, or otherwyſe, vppon the goodes and cattels of the ſaide farmour or farmours, and occuppyers, in whiche caſe, no inhibition, prohibi-tion, repleuie, or other procelle, awarded to the contrarye, ſhall be obeyed: Any lawes, ſtatutes, priuileges, or cuſtomes, to the contra-rye hereof, heretofore made, graunted or vſed, or hereafter to be made, graunted or vſed, to the contrarye, in any wyſe notwyth-ſtandyng.

And that it maye be lawfull to the Collectours, and the officers, and miniſters of ſuch Archbyſhop, Biſhop, or Deane and Chaptour for not payment of the ſayde Subſidye, after the ſame ſhalbe due in any of the ſaide three yeres, to prayſe and value the ſayde diſtreſſe or diſtreſſes, by two indifferent neyghbours, by hym to be choſen, and the diſtreſſe or diſtreſſes ſo prayſed, to ſell, and thereof to deteyne

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so muche money, as shall amount to the summe payable to the Queenes Maiestie, with the reasonable charges also of the sayde Collectour, susteyned in that behalfe, and the reste of the money made of the sayde distresse, to be delyuered and payde to the owner or occupier thereof.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that euery laye person, hauyng spirituall promotion, chargeable by this Acte, and also hauyng temporall possessions, goodes, cattels, and debtes, chargeable to the Subsidye graunted in this Parliament by the temporaltie, shalbe charged, tared and set, for his sayde spirituall promotions with the Cleargie, and for his temporall possessions and cattels reall, with the temporaltie, and not otherwise: Any thyng before mentioned to the contrarye, notwithstandyng.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euerye graunte and grauntes, of all and euery summe and summes of mony, which hereafter shalbe graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, by the Cleargie of the prouince of Yorcke, shall be of the same strength, force and effect, in all thynges, as the sayde graunt made by the sayde prouince of Canterbury: and shalbe tared, certified, collected, leuied, gathered, and payde, accordyng to the tenour, fourme, and effect of this present Acte of Parliament, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, in such maner and fourme, as though it were specially, playnely, and particularly expressed, and rehearsed in this Acte by expresse wordes, termes and sentences, in their seuerall natures and kyndes.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all prouisoes before rehearsed, conteyned in the sayde graunte of the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterbury, and the lyke of the same prouisions hereafter to be conteyned in the graunte of the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Yorcke, shalbe good and effectuall, and to be obserued and kept in euery poynt and article, accordyng to the true purporte and meanyng of the same.

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An Acte of one Fyfteene and Tenth, and of one Subſidie, graunted by the Temporaltie.

WE your *Maieſties moſte humble* Subiectes, meanyng (accordyng to our moſt bounden dueties) to preſent vnto your Maieſtie, by waye of Subſidie, ſome reliefe, for the great extraordinarie charges, ſuſteyned in the defence of your Maieſties dominions and countreys, againſt ſundrye daungerous attemptes: can not forbeare, but with all humblenesse, moſt thankfullye to ſet before the ſame our moſte lowly thankes, for three ſpeciall matters proceadyng from your Maieſtie, to our benefite, ioy, and comfort, in this preſent aſſemblee.

Firſt, for the moſt princely conſideration hadde of vs, in the forbearyng at this tyme ſome portion of that, which accordyng to the greatneſſe and neceſſitie of your affayres, we of duetie meant and intended to haue yelded vnto your Maieſtie.

Secondly, for the moſt comfortable aſſurance and promyſe, by your Maieſtie made and declared vnto vs, that for our weale and ſuretie, your Maieſtie woulde marry, aſſoone as God ſhoulde geue you opportunitie to accomplyſhe the ſame, wherof we haue receaued infinite comfort, and ſhall praye to almyghtie God to further and proſper all your Maieſties actions tendyng thereunto, that we your moſte naturall Subiectes, maye ſpeedyly ſee ſome noble iſſue of your body, to continue perpetually by diſcent the ſucceſſion of this imperiall Crowne.

Thirdly, for the great hope and confyde we haue conceaued, by the meanes of your Maieſties moſt honourable ſpeache vttered and declared vnto vs, of your moſt gracious and princely diſpoſition and determination, when time ſhall thereunto ſeeme conuenyently, with the ſuretie of your Maieſties perſon, and the weale and tranquillitie of your Realme, to haue due regarde to the further eſtablyſhyng of the ſucceſſion of your imperiall Crowne, as lawe and iuſtice ſhall require the ſame, after the ſucceſſion of the iſſue of your body. In which your gracious diſpoſition and care for vs, we moſte humbly beſeche almyghtie God to continue your Maieſtie, and to proſper

your intentions and actions, to establyshe that, which with assent of your Realme in Parliament, may be agreable and consonant to lawe and iustice, and to remayne to all ages hereafter inuiolable, and to the prayse, honour, and memorie of your Maiestie, and yours perpetually: And that touching the graunt of your sayd Subsidie, it may be enacted in maner and fourme folowyng.

BE IT ENACTED, that your highnesse, towarde the great charges of this your Realme, and for the better maintenaunce of your royall estate, shall haue by auctho*r*itie of this present Parliament, one fyfteene and Tenth, to be payde, taken, and leuied, of the moueable goodes, catteles, and other thynges vsuall to suche fyfteene and Tenth, to be contributorie and chargeable within the Shires, Cities, Boroughes, Townes, and other places of this your Maiesties Realme, in maner and fourme aforetyme vsed: except the summe of fyue thousande poundes therof fully to bee deducted, in relefe, comfort, and discharge of the poore Townes, Cities, and Boroughes, of this your sayde Realme, wasted, desolate, or destroyed, or ouergreatly impouerysshed, after suche rate as was and hath afore this tyme ben had and made to euery Shire, and to be deuided in such maner and fourme, as heretofore for one whole fifteene and Tenth, hath ben had and deuided. And the sayde fifteene and Tenth (the exception and deduction aforesayde, therevppon had, deducted, and allowed) to be payde in maner and fourme folowyng: That is to saye, the one moitie thereof (except before excepted) to be payde to your hyghnes, in the receipt of your hyghnes Exchequer, before the fyrst day of Nouember, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. 1547. And the other moitie of the sayde fyfteene and Tenth (except before excepted) to be payde to your hyghnes, in the sayde receipt of your Exchequer, before the fyrst day of Nouember, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. 1548.

AND BE IT FVRTHER ENACTED by the auctho*r*itie aforesayd, that the Knyghtes elected and returned, of and for the Shires within this Realme, for this present Parliament, Citizens of Cities, Burgeses of Boroughes and Townes, where Collectours haue ben vsed to be named and appointed, for the collection of any fyfteene and Tenth, before this tyme graunted, shall name and appoynte onlye before the last day of August, in eyther of the sayde two yeares, sufficient and able persons, for the collection of the sayde seuerall moities of the sayde fyfteene and Tenth, in euery of the sayde Shires, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, the sayd persons then hauyng landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in his or their owne right, of an estate of inheritaunce, of the yerely value of .x. li. or in goodes worth a C. li. at the least. And also suche

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perſon or perſons, ſo by them to be named and appoynted for the collection of the ſeuerall moities of the ſayde Fifteene and Tenth, ſhalbe by them ſeuerally appoynted and allotted, into Hundredes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes. And alſo the ſayde perſons ſo named and appointed for the collection of the ſaid ſeuerall moities of the ſayde Fifteene and Tenth, ſhalbe ſeuerally charged and chargeable vpon his or their accompt or accomptes, in the Exchequer, to bee made, with the ſeuerall moities of all ſuche ſumme or ſummes of money, as the Hundredes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, where he or they ſhall ſo happen to be appointed, ſhall amount vnto, and of no more ſumme or ſummes, and vppon the payment of ſuch ſummes of money, as he or they ſhall ſo be charged with, ſhalbe diſcharged, and haue his and their Quietus eſt, the non accomptyng, or non payment of any other his fellowes, or the inſufficiencie of them, or any of them, notwithſtandyng. And the names and ſurnames of euery of the ſayde Collectours, for the ſeueral moities of the ſaid Fifteene and Tenth, duryng eyther of the ſayd two yeres, together with the place allotted to their collection and charge, the ſayd Knightes, Citizens, and Burgeſes, for the Shires, Cities, and Boroughes, wherevnto they bee elected, named, and returned: ſhall certifie before the Queene in her Chauncerie, before the tenth day of October, in euery of the ſame two yeres, accordyng to the tenour of this Acte. And yf default of any ſuche certifiyng be had or made, in fourme as is aforeſayde: then the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or keper of the great Seale for the tyme beyng, ſhall immediatly after, name and appoint Collectours, for the collection of either of the ſayd moities of the ſayde Fifteene and Tenth, in maner and fourme as the ſayde Knightes of the Shire, Citizens of Cities, and Burgeſes of Boroughes ſhoulde haue done, and as aforetyme hath ben vſed. The which ſayd Collectours, and euery of them, ſo to be named and appoynted as is aforeſayde, ſhall haue allowaunce vppon their accomptes, for their fees, wages, and rewardes, for the collection of the moitie of the ſayd Fifteene and Tenth, ratably, in as large maner and fourme, as any Collectour or Collectours of any Fifteene and Tenth, haue had at any ſeaſon in tyme paſt. And that the Barons of the Queenes Exchequer for the tyme beyng, ſhall and may from tyme to tyme, awarde ſuch proceſſe for the ſpeedy payment of the ſayde ſeuerall moities of the ſayde Fifteene and Tenth, againſt the Collectour and Collectours of the ſame, as by their diſcretions ſhalbe thought conuenient.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the ſayde Lorde Chauncellour, or keper of the great Seale for the tyme beyng, Knyghtes of the Shire, Citi-

zens of Cities, and Burgeses of Boroughes, Townes, and other places, hauyng aucthoritie by this present Acte, to nominate the sayde Collectours, of or for the collection of the seuerall moities of the sayde Fyfteene and Tenth: shall vppon theyr nomination and election had and made, take by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient Recognisaunces, or obligation, of euery person so by them to be named, to be bounde to the Queenes Maiestie in the double summe of the summe of their collection, & to be endorsed vpō such condition, that if the sayd Collectour or Collectours do truely content and pay, to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, in her receipt of the Exchequer, at or before the sayde first day of Nouember, in euery of the sayde two yeres, so much of the summe of money, allotted and appoynted to his collection, as the same Collectour shall haue collected and gathered, and do lykewise after the said first day of the moneth of Nouember, in euery of the said two yeres, content and pay to the Queenes Maiesties vse, at the same receipt, the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after such tyme as he shall haue gathered and collected the same residue: that then the sayde Recognisaunce or obligation to be voyde, or els to stande in his full strength and vertue. Which Recognisaunce or obligation so taken, the sayd Knyghtes of the Shire, Citizens, and Burgeses, and euery of them, takyng any suche Recognisaunces or obligation, shall certifie and deliuer to the Lorde Treasourer, and Barons of the same Exchequer, before the same first day of Nouember, in euery of the sayd two yeres, vpon payne of forfaiture of. x. li. to the Queenes hyghnesse, for euery Recognisaunce or obligation so to be taken and not certified. And that euery suche Collectour, vpon request to hym made, shall make and knowledge the same Recognisaunce or obligation accordingly, vpon lyke payne and forfaiture of. x. li. to the Queene, for his refusall thereof. And that the Treasourer and Barons of the Exchequer, for the time being, vpon the payment of the same collection, at the sayde dayes, shall cancell and deliuer the sayde Recognisaunce or obligation, to the sayd Collectour or Collectours, without any other warraunt, and without any fee or rewarde to be payde to any person for the same.

And furthermore, for the great and wayghtie considerations aforesayde, we the Lordes spirituall & temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, do by our like assent and aucthoritie of this Parliament, geue and graunt to your highnesse our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, your heyres and successous, one entire Subsidie, to be rated, taxed, leuied, and payde at two seueral paymentes, of euery person spiritual and temporal, of what estate or degree he or they be of, accordyng to the tenour of this Acte, in maner and fourme folowyng, That is to say, aswell

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of euery person borne within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes Dominions, as of all and euery Fraternitie, Guilde, Corporation, Millerie, Brotherhead, and Comminaltie, corporated, or not corporated, within this Realme of England, Wales, or other the Queenes Dominions, beyng worth three poundes, for euery pounde, aswell in coyne, and the value of euery pounde that euery such person, Fraternitie, Guylde, Corporation, Millerie, Brotherhead, Comminaltie, corporate, or not corporate, hath of his or theyr owne, or any other to his or theyr vse: as also plate, stocke of marchaundyzes, all maner of corne and graine, houshold stuffe, and of all other goodes moueable, aswell within the Realme, as without, and of all such summes of money, as to him or them is or shalbe owyng, whereof he or they trust in his or theyr conscience surely to be payd: Except, and out of the premisses deducted, suche summes of money as he or they owe, and in his or theyr conscience intendeth truely to paye, and except also the apparell of euery such persons, theyr wiues and children, belongyng to theyr owne bodyes, sauyng Jewels, golde, siluer, stone, and pearle: shall paye to and for the first payment of the said Subsidye, xii. d. of euery pounde, and to and for the second payment of the sayd Subsidie, x. d. of euery pounde. And also euery Alien and straunger, borne out of the Queenes obeisaunce, aswell Denizen as others, inhabiting within this Realme, of euery pound that he or they haue in coyne, and the value of euery pounde in plate, corne, graine, marchaundyzes, housholde stuffe, or other goodes, Jewels, cattels, moueable, or vnmoueable, as is afore sayd, aswell within this Realme, as without, and of all summes of money, to hym or them owyng, whereof he or they truste in his or theyr conscience to be payde: Excepte, and out of the same premisses deducted, euery such summe or summes of money, which he or they do owe, and in his or their conscience or consciences intende truely to paye: shall paye of and for euery pound, to wit for the first payment of the sayd Subsidie, ii. s. and to and for the second payment of the sayd Subsidie, x. d. of euery pounde. And also that euery Alien and straunger, borne out of the Queenes dominions, being Denizen, or not Denizen, not being contributory to any the rates aboue sayde, shall paye to and for the first payment of the sayde Subsidie, iiii. d. and to and for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, ii. d. for euery polle. And the maister, or he or she with whom the same Alien is, or shalbe abidyng at the tyme of the taration or tarations therof, to be charged with the same, for lacke of payment thereof.

And bee it further enacted by the aucthoritie afore sayde, that euery person borne vnder the Queenes obeisaunce, and euery Corporation, Fraternitie, Guilde, Millerie, Brotherhead, and Comminaltie, corporate, or not corporate, for euery pound that euery of the

same persons, and euery Corporation, Fraternitie, Guylde, Misterie, Brotherhead, and Cominaltie, corporate, or not corporate, or any other to his or their vse, hath in fee simple, fee tayle, for terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, by execution, wardship, or by copie of court roll, of & in any honours, castels, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, hereditamentes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yerely profites, of the yerely value of. xx. s. aswell within auncient demeane, and other places priuileged, or els where, and so vpwardes: shal paye to and for the first payment of the sayd Subsidie. xvi. d. of and for euery pounde, and to and for the second payment of the sayd Subsidie. xvi. d. of and for euery pounde. And euery Alien, denizen, or not denizen, borne out of the Queenes obeisaunce, in such case, to paye at the first of the sayd paymentes. ii. s. viii. d. of euery pounde, and at the second payment. ii. s. viii. d. of and for euery pounde. And that all summes presented and chargeable by this Acte, eyther for goodes and debtes, or either of them, or for landes and tenementes, and other the premisses, as is in this Acte conteyned, shall be at eyther of the said paymentes, set and taxed after the rate and portion, according to the true meaning of this Act (landes and tenementes, chargeable to the dismes of the Cleargie, and yerely wages due to seruauntes for their yerely seruice, other then the Queenes seruaũtes, takyng yerely wages of. v. li. or aboue, onely excepted and forprised.) And that all plate, coyne, Iewels, goodes, debtes, and cattels, personals, being in the rule and custodie of any person and persons, to the vse of any Corporation, Fraternitie, Guylde, Misterie, Brotherhead, or any Cõminaltie, being corporate, or not corporate, be and shalbe rated, set, and charged by reason of this Act, as the value certified by the presentours of that Certificat, of euery pounde in goodes and debtes, as is abouesayde, and of euery pounde in landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yerely profites, as is abouesayde, and the summes that are before rehearsed, set, and taxed, to be leuied and taken of them that shall haue suche goodes in custodie, or otherwyse charged for landes, as is before rehearsed. And the same person or persons, and body corporate, by aucthoritie of this Act, shalbe discharged against him or thẽ, that shall or ought to haue the same, at the time of the payment or deliuery therof, or at his otherwyse departure from the custody or possession of the same. Except and alwaies forprysed from the charge & assessement of this Subsidie, all goodes, cattels, iewels, and ornamentes of Churches and Chappels, whiche haue ben ordeyned and vsed in Churches or Chappels, for the honour and seruice of almightie God.

And the first payment of the sayd Subsidie, shalbe by thaucthoritie aforesaid, taxed, assessed, and rated according to this Act, in euery Shire, Ridyng, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Borough, Towne,

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and euery other place, within this Realme of England, and Wales, and other the Queenes dominions, before the tenth day of February next comming. And the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe by the auctheritie aforesayde, tared, assessed, and rated, before the tenth day of February, whiche shall be in the yere of our Lorde God. M.D.lxvii. And the particuler summes of euery Shyre, Riding, Borough, Towne, and other places aforesayd, with the particuler names of such as are chargeable for and to the first payment of the said Subsidie, to be tared and set by the Commissioners to the same limitted, or two of thē at the least, with the names of the high Collectours, & in the same fourme shalbe certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the tenth day of Marche nert comming. And the particuler summes of euery Shire, Riding, Borough, Towne, and other places aforesayde, with the particuler names of suche as are chargeable for and to the seconde payment of the saide Subsidie, to be tared and set by Commissioners, to the same to be limitted, or two of them at the least, with the names of the high Collectours, and in the same fourme, shalbe certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the .x. day of Marche, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord God, M.D.lxvii. And the said summes, in fourme aforesaid, to be tared to and for the first payment of the sayd Subsidie, shalbe payde into the Queenes receipt of her Exchequer aforesayde, to the vse of our said Soueraigne Lady, before the first day of Aprill nert comming. And the sayde summes in maner and fourme aforesayd, to be tared for the seconde payment of the sayd Subsidie, shalbe payde into the receipt aforesayd, to the vse aforesayde, before the first day of Aprill, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. M.D.lxvii. And the summes abouesayd, of, and for the said Subsidie, shalbe tared, set, asked, and demaunded, taken, gathered, leuied, and payde, to the vse of our sayde Soueraigne Lady, her heyres, and successours, in fourme abouesayde, as well within the liberties, fraunchises, sanctuaries, auncient demeane, and other whatsoeuer place, exempt, or not exempt, as without: except such Shires, places, and persons, as shalbe forepriled, in, and by this present Acte: Any graunt, charter, prescription, vse, or libertie, by reason of any letters Patentes, or other priuiledge, prescription, allowaunce of the same, or whatsoeuer other matter of discharge heretofore to the contrary made, graunted, vsed, or obteyned, notwithstandyng.

And it is further enacted by the auctheritie of this present Parliament, that euery suche person, as well suche as be borne vnder the Queenes obeysaunce, as euery other person straunger borne, Denizen, or not Denizen, inhabiting within this Realme, or within Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, whiche at the tyme of the sayde assessynges or taxations, or of eyther of them, to be had or made,

made, shalbe out of this Realme, and out of Wales, and haue goodes or cattels, landes, or tenementes, fees, or annuities, or other profites within this Realme, or in Wales, shalbe charged and chargeable for the same, by the certificat of the inhabitauntes of the place, where such goodes, cattels, landes, tenementes, or other the premisses then shalbe, or in such other place where such person, or his factour, deputie, or atturney, shal haue his most resort vnto, within this Realme, or in Wales, in like maner, as if the said person were, or had ben at ỹ time of the said assessing within this Realme. And that euery person abiding or dwelling within this Realme, or without this Realme, shalbe charged or chargeable to the same Subsidie, graunted by this Act, according and after the rate of suche verely substaunce, or value of landes and tenementes, goodes, cattels, and other the premisses, as euery person so to be charged, shalbe set at, in the time of the said assessing or taration vpon him to be made, and in none other wyse.

And further be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that for the sessyng and ordering of the sayde Subsidie, to be duely had, the Lord Chauncelour of England, or the Lord keper of the great seale, the Lord Treasorer of England, the Lord Steward of the Queenes Maiesties houshold, the Lord President of the Queenes honorable Councell, and the Lord Priuie seale for the tyme beyng, or two of them at the least, whereof the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or keper of the great seale for the tyme beyng, to be one: shall and may name and appoint, of, and for euery Shire, & Riding, and other places, as well within this Realme, as in Wales, & other the Queenes dominions, and also of, and for euery Citie & Towne, being a Countie of it selfe, and of, and for the Isle of wight, such certaine number of persons of euery of the same Shires, Rydynges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, and Isle of wight, and euery other place, as they shall thinke conuenient, to be Commissioners of and within the same place, whereof they be inhabitauntes, and also of and for the honorable houshold of the Queenes Maiestie, in what shire or other places the said houshold shall happen therto be. And the Lorde Chauncelour, or Lorde keper of the great seale, and other with him before named, or two of them as is aforesaid, in like maner may name and appoynt of euery other suche Borough, and Towne corporate, as well in Englande, as in Wales, and other the Queenes dominions, as they shall thinke requisite. vi. v. iiii. iii. or two, of the head officers, and other honest inhabitauntes of euery of the sayde Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate, according to the number and multitude of the people beyng in the same. The which persons yf any suche be therevnto named, of the sayde inhabitauntes of the sayde Boroughes and Townes corporate, not beyng Counties of them selues, shall be ioyned and put in as Commissioners, with the

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persons named for such Shires & Ridinges, as the said Boroughes and Townes corporate, not being Counties in them selues, be set, and haue their beyng. which persons so named, for and of the sayd Boroughes and Townes corporate, not beyng Counties, by reason of theyr dwellyng in the same, shall not take vppon them, nor none of them, to put any part of their Commission in execution for the premisses, out of the said Boroughes and Townes corporate, wherein they be so named onlye, nor to execute the said Cõmission within the Borough or Towne corporate where they be so dwellyng, but at suche dayes and tymes as the sayde other Commissioners for the same Shire and Rydyng, shall therevnto limit and appoynt, within the same Borough or Towne corporate, not beyng Countie corporate, whereof they be so named, and not out of suche Borough or Towne: and in that maner to be ayding, and assisting with the said other Commissioners, in, and for the good executing of the effect of the sayde Commission, vpon payne of euery of the sayde Commissioners, so named for euery such Citie, Borough, & Towne corporate, not being a countie, to make such fine as the said other Commissioners in the Commission of and for the same Shire or Rydyng so named, or three of them at the least, shal by their discretions set, and certifie into the Queenes Exchequer, there to be leuied to the vse of the Queenes Maiesties, in lyke maner as yf suche or lyke summes had ben set and rated vpon euery such person for the said Subsidie.

The which Commissioners, so named of and for the sayd Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, not being Counties, and only put in the sayde Commission by reason of their dwellyng in the same, shal not haue any part of the portion of the fees & rewardes of the Commissioners and their clarkes, in this Act afterwardes specified & alowed. And the Lord Chauncelour of England, or the keper of the great Seale of England for the time beyng, shall make and direct out of the court of the Chauncerie, vnder the great Seale, seuerall Commissions: that is to say, to euery Shyre, Rydyng, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, & Housholde, vnto suche person and persons, as by his discretion, and any of the other with him afore named & appointed, as is afore rehearsed, shalbe thought sufficient, for the sessyng and leuying of the sayde Subsidie, in all shires and places, according to the true meaning of this Act, which Commission for the first payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe directed and deliuered to the sayd Commissioners, or to one of them, before the .xx. day of January next commyng: And the Commission for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe directed and deliuered to the sayde Commissioners, or one of them, before the .xx. day of January, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde GOD. M. D. lvii. And to euery of the sayde Commissions

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ten Scedules, contaynyng in them the tenour of this Acte, shalbe allyed. By whiche Commission, the Commissioners in euery such Commission, named accordyng to this Acte, and as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the sayd Commission, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to put the effect of the same Commission in execution: And that by auctoritie of this Acte, after such Commissions to them directed, they may by their assentes and agreementes, seuer them selues for the execution of their Commission, in Hundredes, Lathes, wardes, Rapes, wapentakes, Townes, Parishes, and other places within the limittes of their said Commission, in such fourme as to them shall seeme expedient, to be ordered, and betwene them to be communed and agreed, accordyng to the tenour and effect of the Commission to them therein directed. Uppon whiche seuerance, euery person of this present Parliament that shalbe Commissioner, shalbe assigned into the Hundred where he dwelleth.

Prouided alwayes, that no person be or shalbe compelled to be any Commissioner, to, and for the execution of this present Acte, but only in the Shyre where he dwelleth and inhabiteth, and that any person beyng assigned to the contrary therof, in any wyse shall not be compelled to put in execution the effect of this Acte, or any part thereof.

And it is also enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the Commissioners, and euery of them, whiche shalbe named, limitted, and appoynted accordyng to this Acte, to be Commissioners in euery suche Shire, Riding, Lath, wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and the sayde Household, or any other place, and none other: shall truely, effectually, and diligently for their part, execute the effect of this present Act, accordyng to the tenour thereof in euery behalfe, and none otherwyse, by any other meanes, without omission, fauour, dread, malice, or any other thyng to be attempted and done by them, or any of them, to the contrary thereof. And the sayde Commissioners, and as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the sayde Commission, and none other, for the execution of the sayde Commission and Acte, shall for the taration of the sayde first payment of the sayde Subsidie, before the last day of January next commyng: And for the taration of the said seconde payment of the sayd Subsidie, shall before the last day of January, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousande, fiue hundreth, threescore and seuen, by vertue of the Commission deliuered vnto them in fourme aforesayde, direct their seuerall or ioynte precept or preceptes, vnto. viii. vii. vi. v. iiii. iii. or two, as for the number of the inhabitauntes shalbe requisite, of the moste substanciall, discrete, and honest persons inhabitauntes, to be named by the sayde Commissioners, or by as many of them as shalbe appoynted

poynted by the sayde Commission, of, and in Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Wardes, Parysshes, Townes, and other places, as well within Liberties, Fraunchises, auncient demeanes, places exempted, and sanctuaries, as without, within the limittes of the Shires, Ridinges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, Boroughes, or Isle aforesayde, and other places within the limittes of their Commission, and to the Constables, Subconstables, Bayliffes, and other lyke officers or ministers of euery of the sayde Hundredes, Townes, Wardes, Lathes, Wapentakes, Parishes, and other places beforesayde, as to the sayde Commissioners, and euery number of them, or vnto three or two of them, by theyr discretions in diuision, shall seeme expedient, as by the maner and vse of those parties shalbe requisite, straightly by the same precept chargyng and commaundyng the same inhabitauntes, Constables, and other officers aforesayde, to whom such precept shalbe so directed, to appeare in their proper persons before the sayde Commissioners, or suche number of them, as they shall deuide themselues, accordyng to the tenour of the sayde Commission, at certayne dayes and places, by the sayde Commissioners, or any number of them, as is aforesayde, within Cities, Boroughes, or Townes corporate, or without, in any other place as is aforesaid, by their discretions shalbe limitted therevnto, to do and accomplyshe all that to them on the partie of the Queenes Maiestie, shalbe enioyned, touchyng this Acte. Commaundyng further by the same precept, that he to whose handes suche preceptes shall come, shall shewe or deliuer the same to the other inhabitauntes or officers named in the same precept, and that none of them fayle to accomplyshe the same, vpon payne of. xl. s. to be forfayted to the Queenes Maiestie.

And it is further ordayned, by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that at the saide day and place prefixed and limitted in the sayd precept, euery of the Commissioners then beyng in the Shire, and hauyng no sufficient excuse for his absence, at the day and place prefixed for that part wherevnto he was limitted: shall appeare in his proper person, and there the same Commissioners being present, or as many of them as shalbe appointed by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, shal cal, or cause to be called before them, the said inhabitauntes & officers, to whom they haue directed their said preceptes, & which had in commaundement there to appeare by vertue of the sayd precept. And if any person so warned, make default, vnlesse he then be letted by sickenesse or lawfull excuse, & that let, then be witnessed by others of two credible persons, or if any appearing refuse to serue in fourme folowing: the euery such person so making default, or refusing to serue, shal forfaite to the Queenes Maiestie. xl. s. and so at euery time appointed by the sayd Commissioners for the same

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taration, vnto suche tyme the number of euery suche persons haue appeared, and certified in fourme vnder wrytten, euery of them so making default, or refusing so to serue, shal forfaite to the Queenes Maiestie, xl.s. And vpon the same appearaunce had, they shalbe charged before the Commissioners, by all conuenient wayes and meanes, other then by corporall oth, to inquire of the best and most value of the substaunce of euery person, dwelling and abydyng within the limittes of the places that they shalbe charged with, and of other whiche shall haue his or their most resort vnto any of the sayde places, and chargeable with any summe of money by this Acte of this sayde Subsidie, and of all other thinges requisite, touchyng the sayde Acte, and according to the intent of the same, and therupon, as neare as it may be or shall come to their knowledge, truely to present and certifie before the sayde Commissioners, the names and surnames, and the best and vttermost substaunce and values of euery of them, aswell of landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, possessions, and profites, as of goodes, cattels, debtes, and other thynges chargeable by the same Acte, without any concealement, loue, fauour, affection, dreade, or malice, vpon payne of forfayture of. v.li. or more, to be tayed, extreated, and leuied, in fourme as hereafter in this present Acte shalbe limitted or appointed. And therevpon, the sayde Commissioners shall openly there reade, or cause to be read vnto them, the sayd rates in this Act mentioned, and openly declare the effect of their charge vnto them, in what maner and fourme they ought and shoulde make their certificat, according to the rates and summes thereof aboue sayde, and of all maner of persons, aswell of aliens and straungers, denizens, or not denizens, inhabiting within this Realme, as of suche persons as be borne vnder the Queenes obeysaunce, chargeable to this Act, and of the possessions, goodes, and cattels of fraternities, Guyldes, Corporations, Brotherheades, Misteries, and Communalties, and other as is aboue sayde, and of persons beyng in the parties of beyonde the seas, hauyng goodes and cattelles, landes or tenementes within this Realme, as is aboue sayde, and of all goodes beyng in the custodie of any person or persons, to the vse of any other, as is aboue sayde. By the whiche information and shewing, the said person shoulde haue suche playne knowledge of the true intent of this present Acte, and of the maner of their certificat, that the same persons shall haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignorauunce. And after such charge, and the statute of the sayd Subsidie, and the maner of the same certificat to be made in writing, contayning the names and surnames of euery person, and whether he be borne without the Queenes obeysaunce, or within, and the best value of euery person in euery degree, aswell of yerely value of landes and

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tenementes, and of suche lyke possessions and profites, as the value of goodes and cattelles, debtes, and euery thing to theyr Certificat requisite and necessarie to them declared: the sayde Commissioners there beyng, shall by theyr discretions appoynt and limit vnto the sayde persons, another daye and place, to appeare before the sayde Commissioners, and chargyng the sayde persons, that they in the meane tyme shall make diligent inquirie, by all waies and meanes, of the premisses, and then and there, euery of them, vppon payne of forfaiture of fourtie shyllynges, to the Queenes Maiestie, to appeare at the sayde newe prefixed daye and place, there to certifie vnto the sayde Commissioners in wrytyng, accordyng to theyr sayde charge, and according to the true intent of the said graunt of Subsidie, and as to them in maner aforesayde hath ben declared and shewed by the Commissioners. At which daye and place so to them prefixed, yf any of the sayde persons make defaulte, or appeare and refuse to make the sayde Certificat: that then euerye of them so offendyng, to forfayte to the Queenes Maiestie fourtie shyllynges, except there be a reasonable excuse of his default, by reason of sickenesse or otherwyse, by the othes of two credible persons there witnessed. And of suche as appeare, ready to make Certificat as is aforesaide, the sayde Commissioners there being, shall take and receaue the same Certificat, and euery part thereof, and the names, values, and substaunce of euery person so certified, and yf the same Commissioners see cause reasonable, they shall examine the sayde presenters thereof, and therevpon the sayde Commissioners at the sayde dayes and place, by their agreement among them selues, shall from tyme to tyme openly there prefixe a daye, at a certaine place or places, within the limittes of their Commission, by their discretion, for their further proceading to the saide assessing of the same Subsidie, and therevppon at the sayde daye of the sayde certificat, as is aforesayde, taken, the same Commissioners shall make their precepte or preceptes to the Constables, Subconstables, Bayliffes, or other officers, of suche Hundredes, Wapentakes, Townes, or other places aforesayde, as the same Commissioners shall be of, comprysing and conteynyng in the same precepte, the names and surnames of all persons presented before them in the sayde Certificat, of whom yf the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therevnto appointed by the Queenes Commission, shall then haue vehement suspect, to be of more greater value or substaunce in landes, goodes, cattelles, or summes of money owyng to them, or other substaunce beforesayde, then vppon suche person or persons shalbe certified: the same Commissioners shall make their precepte or preceptes, directed to the Constable, Bailiffes, or other officers, commaundyng the same Constable, Bailiffes, or other officers, to whom suche preceptes

ſhall be directed, to warne ſuche perſons whoſe names ſhalbe comprised in the ſaide precepte, at theyr manſions, or to their perſons, that the ſame perſons named in ſuch preceptes, and euery of them, ſhall perſonally appeare before the ſayde Commiſſioners at the ſame newe prefixed day and place, there to be examined by al waies and meanes (other then by corporall othe) by the ſayde Commiſſioners, of theyr greateſt ſubſtaunce and beſte value, and of all and euery ſummes of money owyng to them, and other whatſoeuer matter concernyng the premiſſes, or any of them, accordyng to this Acte. At whiche daye and place ſo prefixed, the ſayde Commiſſioners then and there beyng, or as many of them as ſhall be thereunto appoynted by the Queenes Commiſſion, ſhall cauſe to be called the ſayde perſons, whoſe names ſhall be comprised in the ſayde precepte, as is beforeſaid, for their examination. And yf any of thoſe perſons whiche ſhall be warned, as is beforeſayde, to be examined, whiche at any tyme after the warning, and before the prefixed day, ſhall be within ſuche place where he maye haue knowledge of his ſayde appearaunce to be made, make defaulte, and appeare not, vnleſſe a reaſonable cauſe, or els a reaſonable excuſe, by the othes of two credible perſons, before the ſayde Commiſſioners be truely alleaged for his diſcharge: that then euery of them ſo making defaulte, to bee tared and charged to the Queenes Maieſtie, with, and at the double ſummes of the rate that he ſhoulde or ought to haue ben ſet at, for and after the beſte value of his landes or ſubſtaunce vppon hym certified, yf he had appeared, by the diſcretion of the Commiſſioners there beyng, whiche Commiſſioners ſhall trauaile with euerye of the other perſons ſo then and there appearyng, whoſe names ſhall be expreſſed in the ſaid precept or preceptes, and in whom any vehement ſuſpect was or ſhalbe had, in fourme aboueſayde, by all ſuche wayes and meanes they can, other then by corporall othe, for the better knowledge of their beſte value, eyther in hereditamentes, or poſſeſſions, eyther els in goodes or debtes. And that euery Spirituall perſon, at eyther of the ſayde taxations of the ſayde Subſidie, ſhall be rated and ſette accordyng to the rate aboueſayde, of, and for euery pounde that the ſame Spirituall perſon, or any other to his vſe, hath by diſcente, bargayne, or purchaſe, in fee ſimple, fee tayle, terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, by execution, by warde, or by copie of Court rolle, in any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Seruices, Offices, Fees, Corrodies, Annuities, or Hereditamentes, after the true, iuſte, and yerely value thereof, and accordyng as other the Queenes Maieſties Subiectes borne within this Realme, be charged, in fourme aboue remembred, ſo that it extende to the yerely value of twentie ſhyllynges or aboue.

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And it is further enacted, that yf the saide taxours and assessours, shall not duely behaue them selues in their inquirie, taration, assessement, or certificate, but shall affectionatelye, corruptlye, or partially demeane them selues in that behalfe, in suche wise, that the Commissioners shall by their consideration deeme them offendours, worthye of punishement for not doing their dueties therein: that then foure or more of the Commissioners in that Countie, for this Subsidie, shall haue power and auctoritie, by their discretions eyther to charge the saide assessours, vppon their corporall othes, for the better seruice aforesaide in that behalfe, or els by their discretions to tare and set vppon euery of the saide assessours, for their mis demeanours in that behalfe, suche a fyne or payne, as they shall thinke good, so that it excede not the summe of tenne poundes, and the same fine or paine, at their discretions to estreate into the Court of Exchequer. Euerye whiche fyne so tared and set by foure of the saide Commissioners, or more, and being estreated with the Scedule or bookes of that limit, shalbe leuied and aunswered to the Queenes vse, in like maner and forme, to all intentes and purposes, as any other summe that shalbe tared and become due by vertue of this estatute and Acte of Subsidye, and not in anye other wise or maner.

And yf any person certified or rated by vertue of this Acte, whether he be Commissioner or other, to any maner of value, doeth finde him selfe grieued with the same presentment, setting, or taxing, and therevppon complaine to the Commissioners, before whom he shall be rated, sessed, or tared, or before two of them, before the same taration be certified into the Courte of the Exchequer: that then the saide Commissioners, or two of them, shall by all wayes and meanes, examine particularly and distinctlye the person so complaining, vppon his othe, and other his neighbours, by their discretions, of euery his landes and tenementes aboue specified, and of euery his goodes, cattels and debtes aboue mentioned. And after due examination and perfecte knowledge thereof had, and perceaued by the sayde Commissioners, or two of them, whiche shall haue power by auctoritie aforesaide: the saide Commissioners, or two of them, to whom anye suche complaint shalbe made, by their discretion, vppon the othe of the saide person so complayning, maye abate, defaulte, encrease, or enlarge the same assessement, according as it shall appeare vnto them iuste, vppon the same examination. And the same summe so abated, defaulted, encreased, or enlarged, shall be by them estreated in forme as hereafter ensueth. And yf it be proued by witnesse, or by the parties owne confession, or other lawefull wayes or meanes, within a yere after anye suche othe made, that the same

perſon ſo tared,and ſwo3ne, was of any better o3 greater value in landes,goodes,o3 other thinges aboue ſpecified, at the time of his ſaide othe,then the ſame perſon ſo ſwo3ne did declare vpon his ſaide othe:that then euery ſuch perſon ſo offending,ſhall loſe and fo3faite to the Queenes Maieſtie,ſo muche in lawfull money of Englande, as he the ſame perſon ſo ſwo3ne,was ſet at, o3 tared to paye.

AND alſo it is enacted by the ſame auctho3itie, that euery perſon to be rated at the ſaide taration, as is afo3eſaide, ſhall be rated,tared,and ſet,and the ſumme on him ſet, to be leuied at ſuche place where he and his familie at the time of the ſame p3ſentment to be made, ſhall kepe his houſe o3 dwelling, o3 where he then ſhalbe moſte conuerſaunt, abiding, o3 reſiaunt, o3 ſhall haue his moſte reſo3t,at the time of the ſaide Certificate to be made, and no where els.And that no Commiſſioner fo3 this Subſidye, ſhall be rated o3 tared,fo3 his goodes o3 landes, but in the Shire and other place where he ſhalbe Commiſſioner. And that yf any perſon chargeable to this Acte, at the time of the ſame aſſeſſing, happen to be out of this Realme, and out of Wales, o3 farre from the place where he ſhalbe knowen: then he to be ſet where he was laſte abiding in this Realme, o3 within Wales, and after the ſubſtaunce,value,and other p3fites of euery perſon, to be knowen by the examination,certificat, o3 other maner of wiſe, as is afo3eſaide. And that the ſaide Commiſſioners, o3 as many of them as ſhalbe appointed by the Queenes Maieſties Commiſſion o3 Commiſſions,ſhall after the rate and rates afo3eſaide, cauſe euery perſon to be ſet, rated and tared, acco3ding to the rate of the ſubſtaunce and value of his landes, goodes, catteles, and other p3fites chargeable by this Acte,whereby the greateſt and moſte beſte ſumme o3 ſummes, acco3ding to his moſte ſubſtaunce, by reaſon of this Acte,might,o3 maye be ſet, o3 tared. And that euery perſon tared in any Countie o3 place,other then where he is moſte reſiaunt, o3 hath his familie, o3 in any Countie o3 place, other then where he is a Commiſſioner fo3 this Subſidie, yf he be a Commiſſioner, vppon certificate made to the ſaide Court of Exchequier, vnder the handes and ſeales of two Commiſſioners fo3 the Subſidye in the ſame Countie o3 place where ſuche perſon is moſte reſiaunte, o3 hath his familie, o3 where he is a Commiſſioner fo3 the taration and paymente of this Subſidie, teſtifying ſuche his moſte reſiauncie, hauing of familie, o3 being a Commiſſioner: ſhall be ſufficient diſcharge fo3 the taration of that perſon in all other places,and of,and fo3 all other ſummes of money vppon ſuche perſon ſo ſet and tared,ſaue onely the taration made in that Countie o3 place from which ſuch certificate ſhalbe made, as is afo3eſaide, and fo3 the ſumme of money vppon ſuche perſon there aſſeſſed o3

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Prouided alwayes, that euery suche person, whiche shall be rated, or tared, according to the intente and true meanyng of this Acte, for payemente of and to this Subsidie, for, and after the yerely value of his landes, tenementes, and other reall possessions or profites, at any of the sayde tarations, shall not after bee sette and tared for his goodes and cattelles, or other his monable substaunce at the same taration, and that he that shall be set, charged, or tared for the same Subsidie, for his goodes, cattelles, and other moueables, at any of the sayde tarations, according to the true meanyng of this Acte, shall not after be charged, tared, or chargeable for his landes, or other reall possessions and profites aboue said, at the same tarations, nor any of them, nor that any person by any taration be double charged for the sayde Subsidie, nor sette nor tared at seuerall places by reason of this Acte. But if any person happen to be double sette, tared, or charged, eyther in one place, or at seuerall places: then he to be discharged of the one taration, and charged with the other, according to the meanyng and intente of this Acte. Any thyng contained in this present Acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And that it be ordained and enacted by the sayde auctoritie of this present Parliament, that no person hauyng twoo mansions, or twoo places to resorte vnto, or callyng hym selfe houholde seruaunte, or waityng seruaunte to the Queenes Maiestie, or other Lorde, or Lady, Maister, or Maistresse, be excused vpon his saiyng, from the tares of the sayd Subsidie, in neyther of the places where he maye bee sette or tared, vnlesse he bryng a certificat in writyng from the Commissioners, where that he is so sette or tared in deede at one place. And yf any person that ought to be sette and tared to this presente Subsidie, by reason of his remouyng or resortyng to two places, or by reason of his saying that he els where was tared, or by reason of any priuiledge by his dwellyng or abydyng in any place, not beyng excepted in this Acte, or otherwise, by his couine or craft, or by any wordes or sayings, or if any that is a Commissioner or Assessour of others, happen to escape from the sayde tarations of this Subsidie, or any of them, and be not sette and tared, according to the true intente of this Acte, and that proued by presentmente, examination, information, or otherwise, before the said Commissioners, or twoo of them, or before the Barons of the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or two Justices of the peace, of the Countie where

ſuche perſon dwelleth: then euery ſuch perſon that by ſuch meanes, or otherwiſe, willingly by couine, or without iuſte cauſe, ſhall happen to eſcape from the ſaid taxations, or payments aforeſaid, or any of them, and ſhall not be rated, taxed, and ſette, ſhall be charged vpon the knowledge and proofe thereof, with and at the double value of ſo muche as he ſhould, might, or ought to haue ben ſette and tared at, by vertue of this Acte. And the ſame double value to be leuied, gathered, and payd, of his goodes and catteles, landes, and tenementes, towardes the ſayd Subſidie, and further to be punyſhed according to the diſcretions of the Barons, Juſtices, and Commiſſioners, before whom he ſhall bee conuicted for his offence and deceipte in that behalfe.

AND be it further enacted by the auctheritie aforeſayde, that the ſayde Commiſſioners in euery Commiſſion, ſhall according to their deuiſions and after they be deuided, haue full power and auctheritie by this Acte, to ſette, tare, and ſeſſe euery other Commiſſioner ioyned with them in euery ſuche Commiſſion and deuiſion, and ſhall alſo aſſeſſe euery Aſſeſſour within their deuiſion, for his and their goodes, landes, and other the premiſſes, as is abouesayd: by the whiche ſayde Commiſſion, the ſayd Commiſſioners ſhall indifferently ſette, tare, and aſſeſſe them ſelues and the ſaid aſſeſſours. And that aſwell the ſummes vppon euery of the ſayde Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſours, ſo ſeſſed, rated, and tared, as the ſummes made and preſented by the preſenters ſworne as is abouesayde, ſhall bee wrytten, certified, ſette, and eſtreated, and the eſtreates therof to be made with other the inhabitauntes of that parties, within the limittes of the ſame Commiſſion and deuiſion, ſo to be gathered and leuied, in lyke maner as it ought or ſhoulde haue ben, yf the ſayde Commiſſioners had not ben in the ſayde Commiſſion. And that all perſons of the eſtate of a Baron or Barons, and euery eſtate aboue, ſhall be charged with their free holde, and value, as is abouesayde, by the Chauncellour, or Lorde Keper of the greate Seale of Englande, the hygh Treaſourer of Englande for the tyme being, and other ſuche perſons, as by the Queenes Maieſties auctheritie or commaundemente, ſhall be named and appointed, and they to be charged for the ſayde ſeuerall paymentes of the ſayde Subſidie, after the fourme of the ſayd graunte, according to the taration aforeſayde. And the ſummes of and vppon them, to be ſette and tared, with the names of the Collectours, appoynted for the gatherying and paying of the ſame, to bee eſtreated, deliuered, and certified at dayes and places aboue ſpecified, by the Lorde Chauncellour, or Keper of the greate Seale, and Treaſourer, and other ſuche perſons, as thereunto ſhalbe named.

And bee it further enacted by the auctheritie aforeſayde, that after

after the tares and assesses of the said summes, vpon and by the said assessyng and certificat, as is aforesayd, made by the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shall be thereunto appointed, and haue auctoritie by the Queenes Maiesties Commission: shal with all speede, and without delay, by the wrytyng estreated of the sayde tare thereof, vnder the seales and signes manuell of the sayd Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appointed at the least, shal be deliuered vnto sufficient and substaunciall inhabitauntes, Constables, Subconstables, Bayliffes, and other officers iointly, of Hundredes, Townes, Parishes, and other places aforesayde, within their limittes, or to other sufficient persons inhabitauntes of the same, only by the discretion of the sayde Commissioners, and as the place and parties shal require, aswell the particuler names and surnames, as the remembraunce of al summes of money tared and set, of, and vpon euery person, aswell man as woman chargeable to this Acte, houlholders, and all other inhabitauntes and dwellers within the sayde Parishes, Townes, and places, contributorie to this Acte of Subsidie. By auctoritie of which wrytyng or estreate so deliuered, the sayde officers and other persons so named and deputed seuerally, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this Acte, immediatly after the deliuerie of the sayde wrytyng or estreate, to demaunde, leuie, and gather of euery person therein specified, the summe and summes in the same wrytyng or estreate comprysed, and for non payment thereof, to distrayne the same person or persons so beyng behynde, by theyr goodes and catteles, and the distresse so taken, to kepe by the space of eyght dayes, at the costes and charges of the owner thereof. And yf the sayde owner do not pay suche summe of money as shall be tared by auctoritie of this Acte, within the same eyght dayes: then the same distresse to be appraysed by foure, three, or two of the inhabitauntes where suche distresse is taken, and also then to be solde by the sayde Constable, or other Collectours, for the payment of the sayd money, and the ouerplus comming of the sale and keping thereof (if any be) to be immediatly restored to the owner of the same distresse. Whiche sayd officers and other persons so deputed, to aske, take, gather, and leuie the sayde summes, shall aunswere and be charged for the portion onlye to them assigned and limitted, to be gathered, leuied, and comprised in the said wrytyng of estreate, so to them, as is aforesaid, deliuered, to the vse of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and her heyres and successours, and the sayd summe in that wrytyng or estreate comprysed, to pay vnto the hygh Collectour or Collectours of that place, for the collection of the same, in maner and fourme vnder written, therevnto to be named and deputed. And the same inhabitauntes and officers, so gatherying the same particuler

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ſummes, for their collection thereof, ſhall retayne for euery. xx.s. ſo by them receaued and payed, two pence, and that to be allowed at the payment of their collection, by them to be made to the high Collectour or Collectours.

And further, be it enacted by the ſayd auctho*r*itie, that the ſayde Commiſſioners, or the more part of them, as ſhall take vpon them the execution and buſines of the ſaid Commiſſion, ſhal for euery of the ſame paymentes of the ſayd Subſidie, name ſuch ſufficient and hable perſons, whiche then ſhall haue and poſſede landes and other hereditamentes, in their owne right, of the yerely value of. xx.li. or goodes to the value of two hundreth markes at the leaſt, in Shires, Rydynges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes corporate, and other whatſoeuer places, aſwell within places priuileged, as without, not beyng forepryſed within this Acte to be high Collectours, and to haue the collection and receipt of the ſaid ſummes, ſet and leuiable within the precinct, limit, and boundes, where they ſhall be ſo limitted and appoynted to be high Collectours. And to euery of the ſayd Collectours ſo ſeuerally named, the ſaid Commiſſioners, or two of them at the leaſt, with all ſpeede, and without delay, after the ſayd whole ſumme of any payment of the ſayd Subſidie, be ſet by al the limittes of the ſame their Commiſſion, or in ſuch limittes as the high Collectours ſhalbe ſo ſeuerally aſſigned: ſhall vnder their ſeales & ſignes manuell, deliuer one eſtreate indented in parchment, comprehyng in it, the names of al ſuch perſons, as were aſſigned to leuie the ſaid particuler ſummes, & the ſummes of euery Hundred, Wapētake, Towne, or other place aforeſaid, with the names and ſurnames of the perſons ſo chargeable, according to the eſtreate ſo firſt therof made & deliuered, as is aforeſaid. And the Collectours ſo to be aſſigned, ſhalbe charged to anſwere the whole ſumme comprehiſed in the ſaid eſtreate limitted to his collection, as is aforeſaid.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctho*r*itie aforeſaid, that the ſayde Commiſſioners, hauyng auctho*r*itie by this Acte, to name and nominate the ſaid high Collectours of the ſaid Subſidie: ſhal immediatly vpon the nomination and election, take by auctho*r*itie of this preſent Parliament, ſufficient Recognizaunces or Obligations, without any fee or reward to be payde therfore, of euery perſon ſo by them to be named to be high Collectour, to be bounden to the Queenes Maieſtie in the double ſumme of the ſumme of his collection, and to be endorſed and made vppon ſuche condition: That is to ſay, for the collection of the ſayde firſt payment of the ſayde Subſidie, that if the ſayde Collectour, his heyres, or executours, do truely content and pay to the vſe of the Queenes Maieſtie, her heyres, or ſucceſſours, in the receipt of the ſayd Exchequer, at or before the ſaid firſt day of Aprill next enſuyng, ſo muche of the

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laide lumme of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as he shall collect and gather, and content and paye the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after suche time as he hath gathered and collected the same residue: that then the laide Recognisaunces or obligations to be voyde, or els to stande in full strength and vertue. And for the collection of the seconde payment of the saide Subsidie, vpon condition, that if the said collectour, his heyres, or executours, do truely content and paye to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres or successours, in her receipt of the Exchequer, at or before the first day of Aprill, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord God. M.D.lxviii. so much of the said lumme of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as he shal collect and gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after such time as he hath gathered & collected the same residue: that then the saide recognisaunce or obligation to be voide, or els to stande in full strength and vertue. Which saide seuerall recognisaunces or obligations so taken, the said Commissioners shall seuerally certifie and deliuer into the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, with the seuerall certificates of the saide tarations and rates of the paymentes of the saide Subsidy, at, and by the tyme to them prescribed and appointed by this Acte, for the certificate of the saide seuerall tarations of the saide Subsidy, vpon payne of forfayture of .x.li. to the Queenes Maiestie, for euery Recognisaunce or obligation not certified. And that euery such Collectour, so elected, named, and chosen, vpon request to him made, shall knowledge and make the saide Recognisaunce or obligation, vppon like payne and forfaiture of .x.li. to the Queenes Maiestie, for the refusall thereof. And euery Collectour so deputed, hauing the saide estreate in parchment, as is aforesaide, shall haue auctoritie by this Acte, to appoint dayes and places within the circuite of his collection, for the payment of the saide Subsidie, to him to be made, and thereof to geue warning by Proclamation, or otherwise, to all the Constables, or other persons, or inhabitaunces, hauing the charge of the particuler collection within the Hundredes, Parishes, Townes, or other places by him or them limitted, to make payment for the saide particuler collection of euery lumme, as to them shall appertayne. And if at the same day and place so limitted and prefixed by the saide high Collectour, the saide Constable, officers, or other persons, or inhabitaunces, as is aforesaide, for the saide particular collection, assigned and appointed within suche Hundred, Citie, Towne, or other place, do not pay vnto the said high Collectours, the lumme within their seuerall Hundredes, Townes, Parishes, and other places, due, and comprised in the saide estreate thereof to them deliuered by the saide Commissioners, or some of them, as is aforesaide, or

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so muche thereof as they haue by any meane receaued (ii.d. of euerye pounde, for the saide perticular collection, as is aforesaide, alwayes to be thereof allowed, excepted, and abated:) that then it shall be lawefull to the saide high Collectours, and euery of them, and to their assignes, to distraine euery of the saide Constables, officers, and other inhabitaumtes, for theyr saide seuerall and perticuler collection of the saide summes, comprised in the saide estreate and writing thereof to them and euerye of them as is before expressed, deliuered, or for as muche of the same summe, as so then shall happen to be gathered and leuied, and behinde and vnpayde, by the goodes and cattels of euery of them so being behinde. And the distresse so taken, to be kept, appraised, and solde, as is aforesaide, and thereof to take and leuie the summes so then being behinde and vnpayde. And the ouerplus comming of the sale of the saide distresse (yf any be) to be restored and deliuered vnto the owner, in fourme aboue remembred.

Prouided alwayes, that no person inhabiting in anye Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, shalbe compelled to be any assessour or Collectour, of, or for any part of the saide Subsidye, in any place or places out of the saide Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, where he dwelleth.

And it is also by the saide auctho̅itie enacted, that yf any inhabitaunt, or officer, or whatsoeuer person or persons, charged to and for the Collection or receipt of any part or portion of the saide Subsidie, by any maner of meanes, according to this Acte, or anye person or persons for them selues, or as heper, gardian, deputie, factour, or attourney, of, or for any other person or persons, of anye goodes and cattels of the owner thereof, at the time of the saide assessing to be made, being out of this Realme, or in any other parties not knowen, or of, and for the goodes and cattels of any other person or persons of any Corporation, Fraternitie, Misterie, or other whatsoeuer comminaltie, being incorporate or not incorporate, and all persons hauing in their rule, gouernaunce, and custodye, anye goodes or cattels, at the time of the saide assessing, or any of them to be made, or whiche for any cause, for and by collection, or for him selfe, or for any other, or by reason that he hath the rule, gouernance, or custody of any goodes or cattels of any other person or persons, Corporation, Comminaltie, Fraternitie, guilde, or Misterye, or anye suche other like, or as factour, deputie, or atturney, of, or for anye person: shalbe tared, rated, valued, and set, to any summe or summes, by reason of this Acte, and after the taration or assessing vpon any such person or persons as shalbe charged with the receipt of the same happen to dye, or depart from the place where he was so tared and set, or his goods or cattels be so eloyned, or in such priuie and couert

maner kept, as the sayde person or persons charged with the same, by estreates or other writynges from the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shall be therevnto appointed by the sayd Commission, as is aforesaid, can ne may leuie the same summe or summes comprised within the same estreates, by distresse within the limittes of their collection, as is aforesayd, or can not sell such distresse or distresses, as be taken for any of the said paymentes, before the time limitted to the hygh Collectour, for his payment to be made in the Queenes Maiesties receipt: then vpon relation thereof, with due examination, by the othe or examination of suche person or persons as shall be charged with and for the receipt and collection of the same, before the saide Commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayde Commission shall be therevnto appoynted, where such person or persons, or other, as is aforesaide, their goodes and cattels, were set and tared, & vpon playne certificat therof made in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer by the same Commissioners, as well of the dwellyng place, names, and summes of the sayde persons, of whom the sayde summes can not be leuied and had, as is aforesayde: then as well the Constables and other inhabitauntes appointed for the said particuler collection, against the high Collectours, as the high Collectour vpon his accompt and othe in the sayd Exchequer, to be discharged thereof, and procesle to be made for the Queenes Maiestie, out of the sayd Exchequer, by the discretion of the Barons of the said Exchequer, against such person, his heires, or executours, so beyng behynde with his payment. And ouer that, that the same Commissioners to whom any such declaration of the premisses shall be made, in fourme aforesayd, from tyme to tyme, shall haue full power & authoritie, to direct their precept or preceptes vnto the sayde person or persons charged with any summe, of, for, & vpon any such person or persons, or other as is aforesaid, or to any Sheriffe, Steward, Bailiffe, or other whatsoeuer officer, minister, person or persons, of suche place or places where any suche person or persons so owing such summe or summes, shall haue landes and tenementes, or other hereditamentes, or reall possessions, goodes & cattels, wherby any such person or persons so indebted, his heires, executours, or assignes, or other hauing the custodie, gouernaunce, or disposition of any goodes, cattels, landes, or tenementes, or other hereditamentes, which ought or may by this Act lawfully be distrayned or taken for the same, hath & shal haue goods, cattels, lãdes, tenementes, or other possessions, wherof such summe or summes which by any such person or persons may, or ought to be leuied, be it within the limittes of such Cõmission where such person or persons was & were tared, or without, in any place within this Realme of England, Wales, or other the Queenes Maiesties dominions, Marches, or Territories.

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By whiche precept, aswell such person or persons as shalbe charged to leuie such money, as the officers of the place or places, where such distresse may be taken, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to distrayne euery such person indebted, charged, and chargeable by this Acte, or his executours, or administratours, of his goodes and cattels, his gardians, factours, deputies, lessees, farmours, & assignes, and all other persons, by whose handes, or out of whose landes, any suche persons shoulde haue rent, fee, annuitie, or other profite, or which at the tyme of the sayd assessyng, shall haue goodes or cattels, or any other thyng moueable, of any suche person or persons beyng indebted, or owyng suche summe. And the distresse so taken, cause to be kept, appreased, and solde, in like maner and fourme, as is aforesaid for the distresse to be taken, vpon such persons to be taxed to the said Subsidie, and being sufficient to distrayne, within the limittes of the Collectours, inhabitauntes, or other officers, charged with, or for the same summes, so vpon them to be taxed. And if any suche distresse, for non payment, happen to be taken out of the limit of the said persons charged and assigned to leuie the same: the persons so charged for the leuie of any such summes by distresse, shal perceaue and take of the same distresse, for the labour of euery person, goyng for the execution therof, for euery myle that any suche person so laboureth for the same. ii. d. And euery Farmour, Tenaunt, Gardian, Factour, or other whatsoeuer person, being distrayned, or otherwise charged for payment of any suche summe or summes, or any other summe by reason of this Act, shall be of such summe or summes of him or them so leuied and taken, discharged & acquited at his next day of payment of the same, or at the deliuerie of suche goodes and cattels, as he that is so distrayned had in his custody & gouernaunce, against him or them that shall be so taxed and set: any graunt or wrytyng obligatorie, or other whatsoeuer matter to the contrary, made heretofore, notwithstandyng.

And yf any suche person that shoulde be so distrayned, haue no landes or tenementes sufficient, whereby he or his Tenauntes and Farmours may be distrayned, or haue eloyned or hid his goodes and cattelles, whereby he should or might be distrayned, in such maner, that suche goodes and cattelles shall not be knowen or founde, so that the summe, of, or by him to be payde in the sayde fourme, shall ne can be conueniently leuied: then vppon relation thereof to the Commissioners, or to as many of them as by the sayd Commission shalbe thervnto appointed, where such person or persons was taxed and set, by the othes of him or them that shall be charged with the leuie and payment of that summe or summes: the same Commissioners shall make a precept, in suche maner as is aforesayde, for to attache, take, and arrest the body of such person or persons that ought

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to pay the sayde summes, and by this Act shall be charged with and for the sayde summe and summes: and them so taken, safely to kepe in prison, within the shire or other place where any suche person or persons shall be taken and attached, there to remayne without bayle or mainprise, vntill he hath payde the same summe or summes, that suche person for hym selfe, or for any other, by this Acte shalbe chargeable or ought to be charged withall: And also for the fees of euery suche arrest, to hym or them that shall execute such precept. xx. d. And that euery officer vnto whom suche precept shall be directed, do his true diligence, and execute the same vpon euery person so beyng indebted, vpon payne to forfayte to the Queenes Maiestie for euery default in that behalfe. xx. s. And that no keper of any Gaole, from his Gaole suffer any suche person to go at large by letting to bayle, or otherwise to departe out of his prison, before he haue payde his sayde debt, and the saide xx. d. for the sayde arrest, vppon payne to forfaite to the Queenes Maiestie. xl. s. and the same Gailer to paye vnto the Queenes Maiestie the double value, aswell of the rate whiche the said person so imprisoned was tared at, as of the sayde. xx. d. for the fees. And like procesle and remedie, in lyke fourme, shal be graunted by the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as by the saide Commission shalbe thervnto appointed, at lyke information of euery person or persons being charged with any summe of money, for any other person or persons by reason of the sayd Subsidie, and not thereof payde, but wylfully withdrawen, ne the same leuiable within the limittes where suche persons were therevnto tared. And if the summe or summes, beyng behynde vnpayde, by any person or persons, as is aforesayde, be leuied and gathered by force of the sayde procesle to be made by the same Commissioners, or if in default or for lacke of payment thereof, the person or persons so owyng the sayde summe or summes of money, by procesle of the same Commissioners, to be made as is aforesayde, be committed to prison in fourme aboue sayd: that then the sayde Commissioners which shall awarde suche procesle, shall make certificat thereof in the sayde Exchequer, of that shall be done in the premisses, in the Tearme next folowyng after such summe or summes of money so beyng behynde, shalbe leuied and gathered, or such person or persons for non payment of the same, committed to prison.

And yf it happen any of the sayde Collectours to be alligned, or any Maiors, Shiriffes, Stewardes, Constables, the Headborowe, Borsholder, Bailiffe, or any other officer or minister, or other whatsoeuer person or persons, to disobey the sayde Commissioners, or any of them, in the reasonable request to them made by the sayde Commissioners, for execution of the sayde Commission, or yf

any of the officers or other persons do refuse that to them shall appertayne and belong to do, by reason of any precept to hym or them to be directed, or any reasonable commaundement, instaunce, or request, touchyng the premisses, or other default in any appearaunce, or collection to make, or yf any person beyng suspect, or not to be indifferently tared, as is aforesayde, do refuse to be examined, accordyng to the tenour of this Acte, before the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therevnto assigned, as is aforesayde, or wyll not appeare before the same Commissioners vppon warnyng to hym made, or els make resistaunce or rescous, vppon anye distresse vppon hym to be taken for any parcell of the sayde Subsidie, or commit any misbehauiour in any maner of wyse contrary to this Acte, or commit any wylfull omission, or other whatsoeuer wylfull not doyng, or misdoyng contrary to the tenour of this Acte or graunt: The same Commissioners and euery number of them aboue remembred, or two of them at the least, vppon probable knowledge of any such misdemeanours, had by information or examination, shall and may set vppon euery suche offendour for euery suche offence, in name of a fine, by the same offendour to be forfayted, fourtie shyllynges, or vnder, by the discretion of the same commissioners.

And further, the same Commissioners, and euery number of them, or two of them at the least, shal haue auctoritie by this present Act, to punyshe euery suche offendour by imprysonment, there to remayne, and to be deliuered by their discretion, as shall seeme to them conuenient: the said fines, if any such be, to be certified by the said commissioners that so assessed the same, into the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer, there to be leuied and payde, by the Collectours of that parties for the sayde Subsidie, returned into the sayde Exchequer, to be therwith charged with the payment of the sayde Subsidie, in such maner as yf the sayde fines had ben set and tared vppon the sayde offendours for the sayde Subsidie.

It is also enacted by the sayde auctoritie of this present Parliament, that euery of the sayde hygh Collectours, which shall accompt for any part of the sayde Subsidie in the sayde Exchequer, vpon their seuerall accomptes to be yelded, shalbe alowed at euery of the sayde paymentes of the sayde Subsidie, for euery pounde limitted to his collection, wherof any suche Collectour shalbe charged and yelde accompt, vi.d. as parcell of their charge: That is to say, of euery pounde therof, for such person as then haue hadde the particuler collection in the Townes and other places as is aforesaid, specified in his collection, ii.d. And other, ii.d. of euery pounde therof euery of the sayde chiefe collectours or their accomptauntes to retayne to their owne vse, for their labour and charge in and about

about the premisses. And .ii.d. of euery pounde residue to be deliuered, alowed, and payde, by the sayde Collectours so beyng thereof alowed, to such of the Commissioners, as shall take vpon them the busines and labour, for and about the premisses: That is to saye, euery Collectour to pay that Commissioner or Cõmissioners which had the ordering of the writynges, of, and for the sayde Subsidie, where the sayde Collectour or Collectours had their collection, for the expences of the sayde Commissioners so takyng vpon them the sayde businesse and labour of their Clarkes writyng the sayde preceptes and extractes for the sayde collections, the same last .ii.d. of euery pounde to be deuided amongest the sayde Commissioners, hauyng regarde to their labour & businesse, taken by them or their sayde Clarkes, in, and about the premisses. For the which part so to the sayde Commissioners attaynyng, the sayde Commissioners, vi.d.iiii.iii. or two, or as many of them as shalbe therunto appoynted by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, and euery of them, ioyntly and seuerally, for his and their sayde part, may haue his remedie agaynst the sayde Collectour or Collectours, which thereof hen and myght haue ben alowed, by action of debt, in which the defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, neither protection, neither Iniunction, or essoigne shalbe alowed. And that no person nowe beyng of the number of the company of this present Parliament, nor any Commissioner, shalbe named or assigned to be any Collectour or Subcollectour, or presentour of the sayde Subsidye, or of any part thereof, nor no Commissioners shalbe compelled to make any presentment or Certificat, other then in the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer, of, for, or concernyng the sayde Subsidye, or any part thereof. And likewyse that no other person that shalbe named or assigned to be Commissioners in any place, to, and for the execution of this Acte of Subsidye, be, or shalbe assigned or named head Collectours of any of the paymentes of the sayde Subsidye, neither of any part thereof. And that euery such person or persons whiche shalbe named and appoynted as is aforesayde, to be head Collectours, in, and for the first payment of this Subsidie, shall not be compelled to be Collectour for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidye, or for any part therof. And the sayde Collectours which shalbe assigned for the collection of the sayde Subsidye, or for any part thereof, and euery of them, be, and shalbe acquited and discharged of all maner fees, rewardes, and of euery other charges in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or els where, of them or any of them, by reason of that collection, payment, or accomptes, or any thyng concernyng the same to be asked. And that yf any person receaue or take any fees, rewardes, or pleasures of any such accomptaunt: that then he shall forfayte to the Queenes Maiestie, for

euery peny or value of euery peny so taken, fiue shillinges, & suffer imprisonment at the Queenes Maiesties pleasure. And after the taxyng and assessing of the sayde Subsidies (as is aforesayde) had or made, and the sayde extractes thereof in parchement, vnto the Collectour, in maner and fourme before rehearsed, deliuered: the sayde Commissioners which shall take vpon them the execution of this Acte, within the limittes of their Commission, by their agreementes, shall haue meetyng together, at which meetyng, euery of the sayde Commissioners which then shall haue taken vpon them the execution of any part of the sayd Commission, shall by hym selfe, or by his sufficient deputie, truely certifie and bryng foorth vnto the sayd Commissioners named in the sayd Commission, the Certificat and presentment, made before hym and such other Commissioners as were limitted with hym in one limit, so that the same Certificat may be accompted and cast with the other Certificates of the other limittes within the same Commission: and then the sayde Commissioners, and euery number of them, vnto two at the least, as is aforesayde, if any be in lyfe, or their executours, or administratours of their goodes yf they then be dead, shall ioyntly and seuerallye, as they were deuided within their limittes, vnder their seales, by their discretion, make one or seuerall writinges indented, cõtayning in it, as well the names of the sayde Collectours, by the Commissioners for such collection and accomptes in the Exchequer, and payment in the same receipt, deputed and assigned, as the grosse and seuerall summes written vnto euery such Collectours to receaue the said Subsidie. And also all fines, amerciamentes, and other forfaytures, yf any such by reason of this Act happen to be within the precinct and limit of their Commission, to be certified into the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer by the sayde Commissioners. In which writyng or writynges indented, so to be certified, shalbe playnely declared & expressed the whole & entire summe or summes of the sayd Subsidie, seuerally limitted to the collection of the sayd Collectours, seuerally deputed and assigned to the collection of the sayd summes, so that none of the sayd Collectours so certified in the sayd Exchequer, shalbe compelled ther to accompt, or to be charged, but only to and for the summe limitted to his collection, and not to or for any summe limitted to the collection of his felowe, but euery of them shalbe seuerally charged for their part limitted to their collection. And yf the sayd Commissioners, ioyned in one commission, among thẽselues in that matter can not agree, or if any of them be not redy, or refuse to make certificat with other of the same Cõmissioners: that then the same Commissioners may make seuerall Indẽtures in fourme aforesayd, of their seueral limitts, or seperations of Collectours within the limittes of their Commission, vpon & in

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the Hundredes, Wardes, Wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes, or ſuche other lyke deuiſions within their ſayde ſeuerall limittes of theyr Commiſſion, as the places there ſhall require to be ſeuered and deuided, and as to the ſame Commiſſioners ſhall ſeeme good, to make deuiſions of their limittes or collections, for the ſeuerall charges of the ſame Collectours, ſo that alway one Collectour ſhalbe charged and accompt for his part to hym to be limitted, only by hym ſelfe, and not for any ſumme limitted to the parte of any of his felowes, and the charges of euery of the Collectours, to be ſet and certified ſeuerally vppon them. And euery ſuche Collectour, vpon his accompt and payment of the ſumme of money limitted within his collection, to be ſeuerally by hym ſelfe acquited and diſcharged in the ſayde Exchequer, without paying any maner fees or rewardes to any perſon or perſons for the ſame, vppon the payne and penaltie laſt aboueſayde, and not to be charged for any portion of any other Collectour. And yf any Commiſſioner, after he hath taken certificat of them, that, as is aforeſayde, ſhall before any ſuche Commiſſioner be examined, and the ſummes rated and ſet, and the bookes and wrytynges therof beyng in his handes, or yf any Collectour or other perſon, charged with any receipt of any part of the ſayde Subſidie, or any other perſon, tared, or otherwyſe by this Acte charged with and for any parcell of the ſayde Subſidie, or with any other ſummes, fine, amerciament, penaltie, or other forfayture, happen to dye, before the Commiſſioner, Collectour, or other whatſoeuer perſon or perſons haue executed, accompliſhed, ſatiſfied, or ſufficientlye diſcharged that whiche to euery ſuch perſon ſhall appertayne or belong to do, accordyng to this Act: then the executours and heyres of euery ſuch perſon, and all other ſeaſed of any landes or tenementes, that any ſuche perſon beyng charged by this Act, and deceaſſyng before he be diſcharged thereof, or any other to his vſe onlye hadde, of eſtate of inheritaunce, at the tyme that any ſuche perſon was named Commiſſioner, Collectour, or otherwyſe charged with and for any maner of thyng to be done, ſatiſfied, or payde, by reaſon of this Acte: And all thoſe that haue in their poſſeſſions or handes, any goodes, cattelles, leaſſes, or other thynges, that were to any ſuch perſon or perſons at the tyme of his death, or any landes or tenementes that were the ſame perſons, at the tyme he was (as is aforeſayde) charged by this Acte: ſhalbe by the ſame compelled and charged to do, and accomplyſhe to do, in euery caſe, as the ſame perſon ſo beyng charged ſhoulde haue done, and myght haue ben compelled to do, yf he hadde ben in playne lyfe, after ſuche rate, of the landes and goodes of the ſayde Commiſſioner or Collectour, as the partie ſhall haue in his hande. And yf the ſayde Commiſſioners, for cauſes reaſonable

them motyng, shall thynke it not conuenient to ioyne in one Certificat, as is aforesayde: then the sayde person or persons that shall fyrst ioyne together, or he that shall fyrst certifie the sayde wrytyng indented, as is aforesayde, shall certifie all the names of the Commissioners of that commission, wherevpon such wrytynges shalbe there then to be certified, with deuision of the Hundredes, Wapentakes, Wardes, Tythynges, or other places, to, and among such Commissioners of the same commission, with the names of the same Commissioners, where such seperations and deuisions shalbe, with the grosse summes of money, aswell of and for the sayde Subsidie, tared or set, of, or within the sayde Hundredes wardes, wapentakes, or other places to hym or them deuyded or assigned, that shall so certifie the sayde fyrste wrytyng, as of the fines, amerciamentes, penalties or other forfaytures, yf any happen to be within the same limittes, whereof the same wrytynges shalbe certified, and after suche wrytyng indented, whiche, as is aforesayde, shalbe certified, and not conteyne in it the whole and full summes set and tared within the limittes of the same Commission, the other Commissioners of the same, before the daye of payment of the sayde Subsidie, shall certifie into the sayde Exchequer, by theyr wrytyng or wrytynges indented, to be made as is aforesayde, the grosse and seuerall summes, set and tared within the places to them limitted for the sayde Subsidie, and other fines, amerciamentes, penalties, and forfaytures, with the names of the Hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, and other places to them assigned, or els by theyr sayde wrytynges indented, to certifie at the same place, before the same daye of payment, suche reasonable causes for their excuses, why they may not make such certificat, of and for the sayde Subsidie, fines, amerciamentes, and other forfaytures growyng or set by reason of the causes of theyr lettes, or of their non certifying, as is abouesayde, or els in default thereof, procesle to be made out of the Queenes Maiesties saide Exchequer agaynst the sayde Commissioners, and euery of them, not makyng certificat, as is aforesayde, by the discretion of the Treasourer or Barons of the sayde Exchequer.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the inhabitauntes of the paryshe of Saint Martin, called Stamforde Baron, in the Suburbes of the Borough and Towne of Stamford, in the South part of the water there, called Wellande, which hereafter shalbe contributorie to the payment of this present Subsidie, graũted to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours: shalbe assessed, rated, & tared for this tyme, by such Commissioners, which shalbe appoynted for the taxyng, ratyng, & sessyng of suche Subsidie or taxe, within the countie of Lincolne,

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and shalbe for this tyme contributorie, and pay the sayde Subsidie to the Collectour or Collectours which shalbe assigned and appoynted for the leuying and gatheryng of the same, with the Aldermen and Burgesses of the sayde Borough and Towne of Stamforde.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and euery person and persons, hauyng manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, chargeable to the payment of the Subsidie graunted to the Queenes Maiestie by this Acte, and also hauyng spirituall possessions chargeable to her sayde Maiestie by the graunt made by the Cleargie of this Realme in their conuocation, and ouer this, hauyng substaunce in goodes and cattelles chargeable by this sayde Act: that then yf any of the sayde person or persons be hereafter charged, assessed, and tared for the sayde manours, landes, and tenementes, and spirituall possessions, and also assessed, charged, and tared, for his or their goodes and cattels: that then he or they shalbe only charged by vertue of this Acte for his and their sayd manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and spirituall possessions, or only for his sayd goodes and cattelles, the best therof to be taken for the Queenes Maiestie, and not to be charged for both, or double charged for any of them: Any thyng in this Acte conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that this graunt of Subsidie, nor any thyng therin conteyned, in any wyse extende to charge the inhabitaunts or dwellers, in Irelande, Jerneley, and Garneley, or any of them, of, for, or concernyng any manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cattels, or other moueable substaunce, whiche the sayde inhabitauntes or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within Irelande, Jerneley, and Garneley, or in any of them, or of, for, or concernyng any fees or wages, which any of the sayde inhabitauntes or dwellers, haue of the Queenes Maiestie, for their attendaunce and doyng seruice to our Soueraigne Lady, in Ireland, Jerneley, and Garneley, or in any of them: Any thyng in this present Act to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that this present Act of Subsidie, ne any thyng therin conteyned, extende to any of the Englyshe inhabitauntes or resiauntes, in any of the Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newecastle vppon Tine, and the Bysshoprieke of Durham, nor to any of them, of, for, or concernyng any manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cattelles, or other moueable substaunce, whiche the same inhabitauntes or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within the saide Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberland, Westmerlande, or the Towne of Barwicke, the

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Towne of Newcastle vppon Tine, or the Bysshoprycke of Durham, or any of them, or of, for, or concernyng any fees, or wages, whiche any of the sayde inhabitauntes or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maiestie for theyr attendaunce and doyng seruice to the Queenes Maiestie, for or within the sayde Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the Towne of Barwiche, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, and the Bysshoprycke of Durham, or any of them, to, or for the sayde taryng, leuying, gatheryng, or payment: but that the Englyshe inhabitauntes and resiauntes, and euery of them, of the sayd Counties, Bishoprycke, and Townes, and euery of them, shalbe of, and from the sayde Subsidye, and euery parcell thereof, and for theyr manours, landes, tenementes, fees, wages, goodes, and cattels, lying and beyng in the sayde Counties, Townes, and Bishoprycke, or any of them, vtterly acquited and discharged: Any thyng in this present Acte before rehearsed to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that al letters patentes graunted by the Queenes Maiestie, or any of her moste noble progenitours, to any Cities, Boroughes, or Townes, within this Realme, of any maner of liberties, priuileges, or exemptions, from the burden and charge of any suche grauntes of Subsidies, which be at this present tyme in force and bayleable, shall remayne good and effectuall, to the sayde Cities, Boroughes, and Townes hereafter, accordyng to the purportes thereof, though the inhabitauntes of the same, shall vpon the great and wayghtie consideration of the graunt abouesayde, be for this graunt charged and contributorie, in lyke maner, fourme, and sort, as other Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, which be not in any wyse priuileged, but be by this Acte charged.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that no Orphante or Infant within the age of. xxi. yeres, borne within any of the Queenes Maiesties dominions, shalbe charged to any payment of this Subsidie, for his or her goodes and cattels, to hym or her left or bequeathed: Any thyng in this Acte conteyned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that this Acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to the goodes or landes of any Colledge, Hall, or Hostell, within the vniuersities of Oxforde, and Cambridge, or any of them, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Wynton, founded by Bysshop Wikham, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Eaton nert Windsor, or to the landes, tenementes, or reuenues, only alligned or appoynted for the sustentation and lyuynges of the poore Knights, founded in the Castell or Colledge of Windsor by our late Soueraigne Lord kyng Henry the eyght, or to any the goodes or cattels of the sayde Knyghtes, or any of them, or to the

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goodes or landes of any common free Graunmer Schoole within the Realme of Englande or Wales, or to the goodes of any Reader, Schoolemaister, or Sholer, or any graduate resiaunt or remayning for studye, without fraude or couin, within any of the sayde Vniuersities and Colledges, or Townes of Cambridge and Oxforde, or Suburbes of the same, or any of them, or to any theyr seruauntes dayly attendaunt vppon any of them, nor to the goodes of any officer, minister, almes man, or seruauntes belongyng to any of the sayd Vniuersities, Colledges, Halles, or Hostelles, and dwellyng and resiaunt within the sayde Vniuersities, or eyther of them, or within eyther of the sayde Townes of Cambridge and Oxforde, and Suburbes of the same, without fraude or couin: Nor to the goodes and landes of any Hospitall, Mealondue, or Spittlehouse, prepared and vsed for the sustentation and relefe of poore people: Any thyng in this Acte contayned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that the sayde graunt of Subsidie, or any thyng therein contayned, do not in any wyse extende, or be preiudiciall or hurtfull to the inhabitauntes or resiauntes at this present tyme within the fiue Portes corporate, or to any of theyr members incorporate or vnited to the same fiue Portes, or to any of the same fiue Portes, of, or for any part or parcell of the sayd summes graunted in this Parliament, of the sayde inhabitauntes nowe resiaunt, or any of them, to be tared, set, aked, leuied, or payde: But the sayde inhabitauntes and resiauntes in the sayde fiue Portes, and theyr members, be, and shalbe of, and from the sayde graunt and payment of the sayde Subsidie, duryng their resiauncie there, and no longer, clearely acquited and discharged: Any matter, or whatsoeuer thyng in this present Acte, had or made to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, that forasmuche as the inhabitauntes and dwellers within the Counties of Penbrooke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Brecknocke, Glamorgan, Radnour, Mongomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Angleley, and Carnaruan, be at this present tyme, charged and chargeable with the paymentes of diuers and seuerall Subsidies, lately graunted do our late Soueraigne Lady Queene Mary, and to the Queenes hyghnesse that nowe is, and yet vnpayde:

Be it therefore ordayned and enacted by the auctheritie aforesayde, that this Acte of Subsidye, or any thyng therein contayned, shall not extende to charge any of the inhabitauntes and dwellers within any of the sayde Counties of Penbrooke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnour, Mongomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Angleley, and Carnaruan, with

with this preſent Subſidie, or any of the paymentes therof graun-
ted by this Acte, vntyll the laſt day for them appoynted for the pay-
ment of the laſt Subſidie, graunted to the Queenes Maieſtie that
nowe is, be fully expired. And that then the firſt payment of the
ſaide Subſidie, graunted by this preſent Act, ſhalbe by them made
at the receipt of the Queenes Exchequer, at or before the firſt day
of Nouember next folowyng after the ſayde laſt day appoynted for
the payment of the laſt Subſidye. And the ſecond payment of this
Subſidye, to be made at the ſayde receipt of Exchequer, before the
firſt day of June then next folowyng.

An Acte of the Queenes Maiesties free and generall pardon.

The. xix. Chapter.

THE Queenes moſte excellent Maieſtie, conſidering the great zeale and affection, which her louing and obedient ſubiects beare to her highneſſe, as by many wayes they haue declared and ſhewed from tyme to tyme, ſythens the beginning of her Maieſties raigne, and calling to her moſte gracious remembraunce into how many penalties and daungers of her maieſties lawes, ſundrye of her ſayde louing ſubiectes be fallen, and coueting rather theyr amendementes by gentle and mercyfull meanes, then with ſeuere execution of her hyghneſſe lawes, to be enryched by theyr euyll deedes and offences, and truſtyng aſſuredlye, that her ſayde louyng ſubiectes woyll continue in their due obedience and louyng heartes towardes her Maieſtie, and that they from henceforth wyll endeuour them ſelues, as obedient ſubiectes to lyue accordyng to her hyghneſſe lawes: Her Maieſtie is therefore mercyfully enclyned and moued, to graunt and geue vnto her ſayde louyng ſubiectes, a generall, free, and beneficiall pardon, and thereby to deliuer her ſayde ſubiectes from ſuche daungers, penalties, and forfaitures, as through their offences they haue iuſtlye deſerued. And therefore her Maieſtie is well pleaſed and contented, that it be enacted by the aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, in maner and fourme folowyng.

That is to ſay, that all and euery of her ſaide Subiectes (aſwell ſpirituall as temporall) of this her hyghneſſe Realme of Englande, Wales, the Iſles of Jerneſey and Garneſey, and the towne of Barwycke, the heyres, ſucceſſours, executours, and adminiſtratours of them and euery of them, and all and ſinguler bodyes in any maner of wyſe corporated, Cities, Boroughes, Shires, Rydynges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Wyllages, Hamlettes, and Tythynges, and euery of them, and the ſucceſſour and ſucceſſours of euery of them: ſhalbe by auctheritie of this preſent

Parliament, acquited, pardoned, releassed and discharged, agaynst the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, successours, and executours, and euery of them, of al maner of treasons, felonies, robberies, offences, contemptes, alienations, trespales, intrusions, entrees, wronges, deceiptes, misdemeanours, forfaytures, penalties, and summes of money, paynes of death, paynes corporal, and pecuniarie, and generallye of all other thynges, causes, quarelles, suites, indgementes, and executions, in this present Acte hereafter not excepted nor forprysed, whiche may be or can be by her hyghnes in any wyse or by any meanes pardoned, before and vnto the .xxvi. day of September, in the eight yere of her most gracious raigne, to euery or any of her sayde Subiectes, bodies corporate, Cities, Borroughes, Shires, Rydynges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Vyllages, and Tythynges, or any of them.

And also the Queenes hyghnes is contented, that it be enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that her sayde free pardon shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe, to euery of her sayde Subiectes, bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed, in and againste all thynges, whiche be not hereafter in this present Acte excepted and forprysed, as the same pardon shoulde haue ben, yf all offences, contemptes, forfaytures, causes, matters, suites, quarelles, indgementes, executions, penalties, and all other thynges (not hereafter in this Acte excepted and forprised) had ben particularly, singularly, specially, and playnely named, rehearsed, and specified, and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes & names, in their kyndes, natures, and qualities, by wordes and tearmes therynto requisite to haue ben put in, and expressed in this present Act of free pardon. And that her sayde Subiectes, nor any of them, nor the heyres, executours, or administratours of any of them, nor of the sayde bodyes corporate, and others before named and rehearsed, nor any of them, be nor shalbe sued, vexed, or inquieted in their bodies, goodes, landes, or cattels, for any maner of matter, cause, contempt, misdemeanour, forfaiture, trespalie, offence, or any other thing, suffred, done, or committed before the sayde .xxvi. day of September, agaynst her hyghnes, her crowne, dignitie, prerogatiue, lawe, or statute: But only for suche matters, causes, and offences, as be plainelye rehearsed in the exceptions of this present Acte hereafter mentioned, and for none other: Any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vlages, or president heretofore had, made, or vsed, to the contrarie, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Also the Queenes highnes of her bounteous liberalitie, by auctoritie of this present Parliament, graunteth, and freely geueth to euery of her sayd subiectes, and to euery of the said bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed, and euery of them, all goodes, cattelles,

telles, debtes, fines, illues, profites, amerciamentes, forfaytures, & ſummes of money, by any of them forfaited, whiche to her hyghnes do or ſhould belong or appertaine, by reaſon of any offence, contempt, treſpas, entree, miſdemeanour, matter, cauſe or quarell ſuffred, done, or committed by them, or any of them, before the ſayde xxvi. day of September, whiche be not hereafter forepryſed and excepted in this preſent Acte. And that all and euery the Queenes ſayde ſubiectes, and all and ſinguler bodies corporate, and other before rehearſed, may by hym or them ſelfe, or by his or theyr deputie or deputies, or by his or theyr atturney or atturneys, accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, pleade and miniſter this preſent Acte of free pardon, for his or their diſcharge, of and for euery thyng that is by vertue of this preſente Acte pardoned, diſcharged, geuen, or graunted, without any fee or other thyng in any wyſe paying to any perſon or perſons, for wrytyng or entrie of the iudgement, or other cauſe concerning ſuch plea, wrytyng, or entrie, but only xvi. pence to be payde to the officer or Clarke that ſhall enter the plea, matter, or iudgement for the parties diſcharge in that behalfe: Any ſtatute, vſage, or cuſtome to the contrarie, not withſtandyng.

And furthermore, the Queenes hyghnes is contented and pleaſed, that it be enacted by thauctoritie of this preſent Parliament, that her ſayd free pardon, by the generall wordes before rehearſed, ſhalbe reputed, deemed, adiudged, alowed, and taken in al maner of courtes of her hyghneſſe, and els where, aſwell in the wordes and clauſes of the exceptions and forprſes ſpecified in this preſent Act, as in all and ſinguler other clauſes, wordes, and ſentences, mentioned and rehearſed in the ſaid free pardon, moſt beneficiallye and auaylably to all and ſinguler her ſayde ſubiectes, bodyes corporate, and others before rehearſed, and to euery of them, and moſt ſtrongelye in barre and diſcharge againſt her hyghnes, her heyres, ſucceſſours, and executours, in euerye thyng, without any ambiguitie, queſtion, or other delay whatſoeuer it ſhalbe, to be made, pleaded, or aleaged by the Queene our Soueraigne Ladye, her heyres, ſucceſſours, or executours, or by her or any of theyr generall atturney or atturneys, or by any perſon or perſons, for her hyghnes, or any of her heyres, ſucceſſours, or executours.

And further it is enacted by the Queene our ſoueraigne Lady, and by the auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, that if any officer or Clarke of any of her hyghnes courtes, commonlye called the hynges Bench, Chauncerie, and Common place, or of her Exchequer, or any other officer or Clarke of any other of her courts within this Realme, at any tyme after the laſt daye of this preſent moneth of December, make out or wryte out any maner of writtes or other proceſſe, or any extreates, ſummons, or other preceptes, wher-

by any of the sayde Subiectes, or any of the sayde bodies corporate, or other before rehearsed, or any of them, shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, distrayned, summoned, or otherwyse vexed, inquieted, or greeued, in his or theyr bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes, or cattels, or in any of them, for or because of any maner thing pardoned or discharged by vertue of this Acte of free pardon: or yf any Shirriffe or Escheatour, or any of their deputie or deputies, or any Bayliffe or other officer, by colour of his or their office, or otherwayes, after the saide last day of December, do leuie, receaue, or take any thing pardoned or discharged by this Act: that then euery such person so offendyng, and therof lawfully condemned, shall yeelde and pay for recompence therof to the partie so greeued or offended, treble damages, besides all costes of the suite: And neuertheless, all and singuler such writtes, processe, extreates, and preceptes so to be made, for or vpõ any maner of thing pardoned or discharged by this present Act of free pardon, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effect.

Except and alwayes forprysed out of this generall and free pardon, all and all maner of hygh treason, committed or done by any person or persons, by any ouert deede or acte, against the Queenes most royall person, and all conspiracies and confederacies trayterously had, committed, or done by any person or persons against the Queenes person. And also excepted all and all maner of treasons, committed or done by any person or persons in the parties beyonde the Sea, or in any other place out of the Queenes dominions. And all suites, punishmentes, executions, and paynes of death, forfaytures, and penalties, for or by reason or occasion of any of the treasons and offences before excepted. And also excepted and forprysed out of this generall and free pardon, all and euery piracie and robbery done vpon the Sea, and all maner of voluntary murders and wylful poysoninges, and all and euery robbery done vpon any person or persons in any dwellyng house or houses in the daye tyme. And all felonious taking of any money or bullion out of the house of treasurie or receipt within the Towre of London, and all robberies done vpon or to any mans or womans person in the high way, or els where, and all and singuler accessaries, of or to any of the said offences. And also all rapes and carnall rauishmentes of women. And all wilfull escapes (as well) of traytours and felons (as also) of Clarkes attaynted. And also excepted out of this generall and free pardon, all persons attainted or outlawed for any treason, murther, or robbery. And also (excepted) all and euery maner of taking from the Queene of any goodes or cattels, or the issues, rentes, reuenues, or profites, of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditaments, of any traytour, murderer, felon, Clarke or Clarkes, beyng persons attaynted, outlawed, or fugitiues, or of any of them. And also all

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goodes and cattles forfayted to the Queenes Maiestie, by reason of any felonie heretofore committed. And also excepted out of this pardon, all maner of intrusions, had, made, or done, by any person or persons, in or vpon any manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, and the taking of any the issues and profites of the same landes or tenementes of our sayde Soueraigne Lady, and also all suites and impetitions for the same. And (excepted) also all wastes committed or done in any of the Queenes wardes landes, or in the wardes lands of any of the Queenes committes. And also all and euery fine and fines, for the single and double value of the maryage or maryages of all and euery the Queenes wardes, at any tyme growen to the Queenes Maiestie, or any her noble progenitours. And also all and euery concealement of any custome or Subsidie. And all and singuler accomptes of al and euery Collectour and Collectours of any Subsidie, fyfteene, Benevolence, Tyse, or contribution. And of euery other person whatsoeuer, that ought to be accomptaunt to the Queenes highnesse, or to her most noble father king Henry the eyght, or to king Edwarde the first, or to Queene Mary, or to any of them, and the heyres, executours, and administratours of euery such accomptaunt. And all & singuler arrerages of accomptes. And all vntrue accomptes, and all impetitions, suites, demaundes, and executions, which can or may be had of or for any accompt or accomptes, or any arrerages of the same. And also (excepted) all inclosures and decayes of houses of husbandry, and the conuerting of any land from tillage to pasture, made, done, committed, or permitted, contrary to the fourme and effect of any statute or statutes heretofore made. And also excepted and forprised out of this free pardon, all issues, fines, and amerciamentes, affered, tared, set, extreated, or entred, seuerally or particularly, touchyng or concerning any person or persons. And also excepted and forprised out of this free pardon, all and all maner of deceiptes and offences of all and singuler moneyers, and other officers, minters, or workmen, of or in any of the Queenes Maiesties mintes, within this Realme, or any other her dominions, and al impetitions and punishmentes for the same. And also excepted out of this generall and free pardon, all raunsomes and wrongfull takyng and withholdyng of any the Queenes wardes, or wardes landes, at any tyme cummen and growen to the Queenes handes, or that ought to come or be to the Queenes Maiestie, and that yet is not discharged. And also (excepted) all titles and actions of Quare impedit, and all Homages, reliefe and reliefes, rentes seruices, rentes charges, rentes seckes, and the arrerages of the same, not done or payde to the Queenes highnesse. And also excepted, all summes of money graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, or to any her noble progenitours,

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genitours, by way or meanes of Subsidie, fyftene, benevolence, or contribution, or by any of the same wayes or meanes. And also all debtes, whiche were, or be due to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, or to the most noble kyng of famous memory kyng Henry the seuenth, or to kyng Henry the eyght, kyng Edwarde the sixth, or to the late Queene Mary, or to any person or persons to any of theyr vses, by any condemnation, recognisaunce, obligation, or otherwise, other then suche as are due vppon any obligation or recognisaunce, forfayte before the sayde. xxvi. day of September, for non apparaunce in any court, or other place, or for not kepyng of the peace, or not beyng of good behauiour. And also excepted and forprysed out of this pardon, al and singuler forfaytures being due or accrued to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, by any penaltie of any Acte, statute, or statutes, whiche forfaytures be conuerted into the nature of debt, by iudgement, or by the agreement of the offendour or offendours, or els whereof there is any verdict past for the Queene. And also excepted all forfaytures and other penalties and profites growen or due to the Queene, by reason of any offence, contempt, or other Acte, had, suffred, committed or done contrary to any act, statute or statutes, or contrary to the common lawe, wherof any action, byll, playnt, or information is sued, exhibite or depending in the Queenes Exchequer, or in the courtes commonly called the kinges Bench, and the Common place, or before the councel in the Starre chamber, or whereof the Queenes hyghnes by her byll signed, or otherwyse, heretofore hath made any gyft or assignement to any person or persons. And also excepted and forprysed out of this generall and free pardon, all such persons, as the. xviii. day of this present moneth of December, in the. ix. yere of her Maiesties raigne, be in prison within the Towre of London, or in the prison of the Marshalsey, or in the Fleete, and al persons put to execution before the said. xviii. day of December. And also excepted out of this free pardon, all offences of forgyng or counterfayting of any false dedes, escriptes, or writinges, and al procuryng or concealing of any such counterfaytyng or forging to be had or made. And also excepted al penalties, forfaytures, & titles of condition, accrued or growen to the Queenes Maiestie by reason of the breache, or not performing of any couenaunt or condition. And also excepted out of this general and free pardon, al and euery such person & persons whiche sithens the beginning of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, haue fled out of this Realme of England, or any other the Queenes dominions, for any offence of high treason, petie treason, or misprision of treason. And also excepted out of this pardon, all and euery offence and offences, touchyng or concernyng the carying, sendyng, or conuertyng ouer the Sea, or out of this Realme, of any golde, syluer, iewels, or any coyne of golde, or syluer, contrary

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to the lawes or statutes of this Realme, vnlesse it were, or be by the Queenes licence. And also except, all suche persons as be fled and gone out of this Realme, contrary to the lawes and statutes of this Realme, without the Queenes Maisties licence. And also all suche persons as haue obtayned & had licence to depart the Realme for a tyme, and now do abyde out of the Realme, without any lawfull excuse, after the time of their licence expired.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that all and euery person and persons, which haue tendered or ought to sue liuerie out of our saide Soueraigne Lady the Queenes handes, of, or for any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whatsoeuer they be, shal sue his or their liuerie & liueries, out of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes handes, or his or their manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, in like maner and fourme, as they and euery of them should or ought to haue done, yf this Acte had neuer ben had ne made: Any article, thyng or thynges in this present Acte of generall and free pardon, comprysed and specified to the contrary, notwithstandyng. And also except out of this free pardon, all offences committed or done by any person or persons, wherof the correction and punishment doth appertayne to the order and iudgement of any ecclesiasticall Judge or court. And also except out of this pardon, all offences of coniurations, witchcraftes, inchauntmentes, and sorceries, committed or done contrary to the lawes and statutes of this Realme.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to all and euery Clarke, and other officer of any the Queenes courtes, to awarde and make wryttes of Capias vt legatum at the suite of the partie playntife, against such persons outlawed, as be pardoned by this Acte, to the intent to compell the defendaunt and defendauntes to make aunswere to the plaintiffe or plaintiffes, at whose suite he or they were outlawed. And that euery person so outlawed, shall sue a writ of Scire facias, against the partie or parties at whose suite he or they were so outlawed, before this pardon in that behalfe shalbe alowed to hym that so is outlawed. And also excepted out of this free pardon, all and euery suche person and persons, as before the said .xxiiii. day of December, haue ben committed to the custodie and safe kepyng of any other person or persons, out of any ordinary prison, by the Queenes Maisties expresse order and commaundement, and whiche nowe be remaynyng and continuing in such custody and kepyng. And also except

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out of this pardon, all felonious takyng of any money, plate, bullion, or other thyng out of any part of the Queenes Maiesties house or court, where her highnesse is nowe resident, or where heretofore her Maiestie hath ben resident. And also except all forgyng and counterfaytyng of any money or coyne, currauntwithin this Realme. And also except out of this generall and free pardon, one Henry Jackson, late of Martin College in Oxforde.

God saue the Queene.

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